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Three soldiers killed in Friday clashes

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

AFTER three soldiers were killed Friday by the Palestinian Police, yesterday was marked with sporadic clashes, though the scope and scale of the confrontations dropped dramatically amid conciliation efforts between Israel and the PA.

Top officers also met with Egyptian commanders to defuse tensions in the border city of Rafiah, where a senior IDF commander was killed Friday. Two border policemen - Dep. Cmdr. Shimon Dayan, 47, of Kfar Sava, and Supt. Guy Sharig, 23, of Moshav Hibat Zion - were also killed Friday near Tulkarm.

Since the violence erupted last week, 14 Israelis, 56 Palestinians and one Egyptian officer have been killed.

Not only has the army imposed a full closure on the territories, it has initiated an operation dubbed "Operation Field of Thorns," which seals off all Palestinian-controlled cities and clamps curfews on Arab villages inside Israeli-controlled areas.

"We are ready to respond with whatever force is necessary, whenever Israel's security interests are endangered," OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan said yesterday.

In the plan's final stage, if the violence worsens, the army would reenter Palestinian towns in the West Bank.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said Israel had no interest in sending the army into the Palestinian towns.

"We have no interest in moving into any place," he told Channel 2. "We have an interest in stabilizing the situation."

"The situation is tense. There are many warnings. Our mission is to give protection to Israelis and protect Israel's security interest by imposing law and order everywhere, including using force where needed," Dayan said.

Dayan said the IDF, in addition to beefing up its forces, had deployed snipers, tanks, heavy weapons and Cobra attack helicopters to prevent further disturbances.

Dayan said yesterday's relative calm was also the result of Palestinian Police efforts to defuse the tensions.

In the South, tanks and APCs patrolled along the Israeli-Egyptian border.

OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai said senior officers were sent to the flash points in an effort to control clashes in that area.

On Friday, a force led by Col. Nabh Mari came under fire. Mari, who was promoted the day before to deputy commander of IDF forces in the Gaza Strip, grabbed a heavy machine gun and returned fire. Yanai said Mari was killed in that clash, Yanai said.

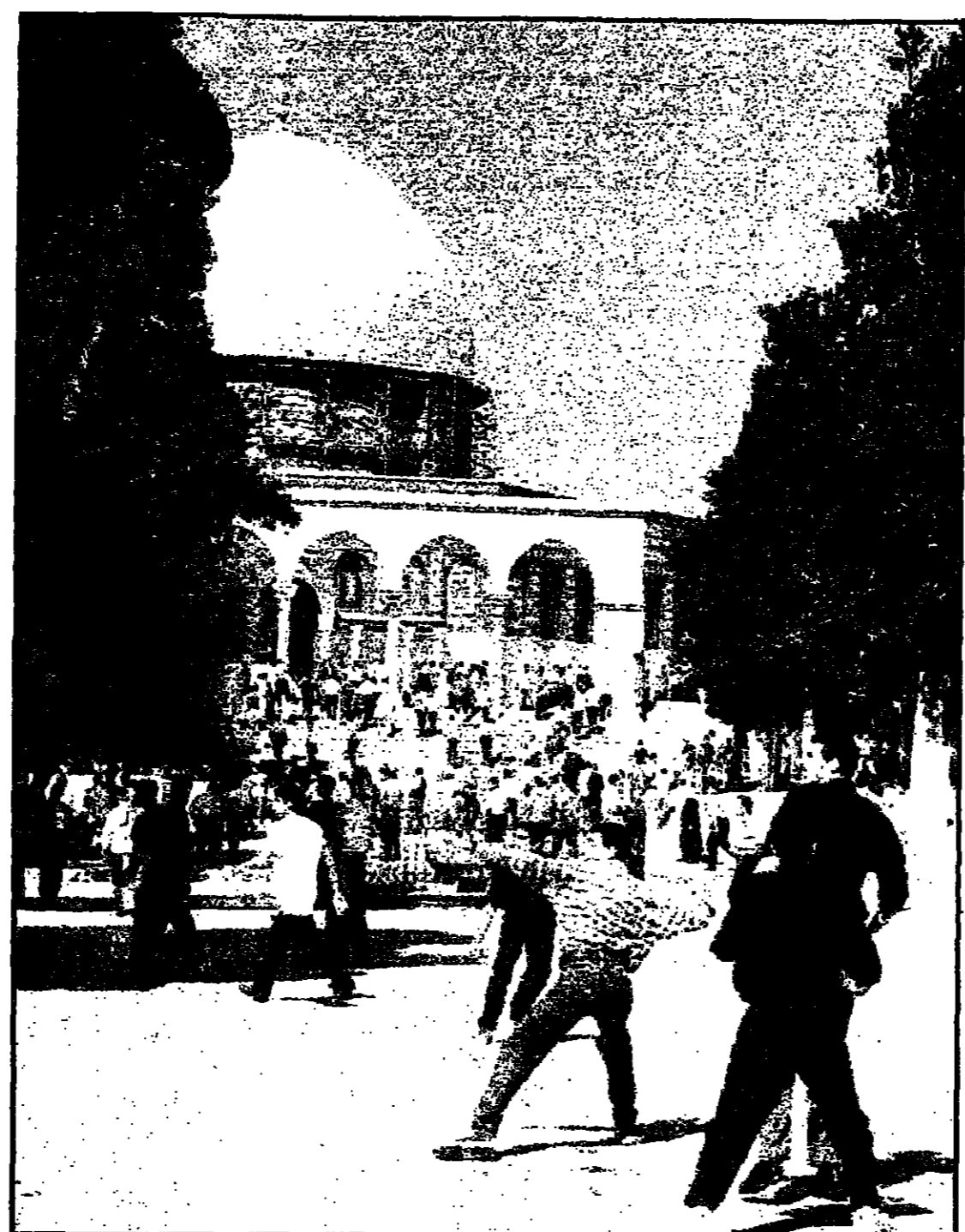
Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak insisted that Mari was shot by gunmen firing from the PA-controlled area. He said the Egyptians told the IDF that their soldiers had strict orders not to open fire and did not shoot at Israelis.

Cobra attack helicopters were brought in to pin down Palestinian gunmen so that Mari could be evacuated. The army denied reports that its forces fired into Egyptian territory.

An Egyptian officer was killed the day before by a stray bullet.

In Tulkarm, two border policemen were killed when Palestinian policemen opened fire in the

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Palestinian youths throw stones at police on the Temple Mount after noon prayers on Friday. (Khaled Zighari)

Temple Mount unrest leaves three dead

BILL HUTMAN

POLICE stormed the Temple Mount on Friday after Moslem worshippers began rioting, opening fire and killing three Palestinians and leaving several dozen wounded, including two seriously, according to police and Palestinian sources. Ten policemen were lightly injured.

"Thousands of worshippers tried to use the mount to stage a provocation and started throwing thousands of stones" forcing police to take action to quell the rioting, Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz said.

Iman Edkeidak, 28, from the Old City, Ibrahim Abu Ghana, 19, from the A-Tur neighborhood, and Jawad Bazlamit, from the El-Suwani neighborhood, were killed, according to the spokesman for Mokassed Hospital on the Mount of Olives.

The hospital treated 43 people wounded in the incident, while Augusta Victoria Hospital, also on the Mount of Olives, treated another 20, according to hospital spokesmen.

The police spokesman said the Palestinian hospitals refused to cooperate and give police information on those allegedly killed. However, police believe three people were killed and between 20 and 30 injured, the spokesman said. The Justice Ministry's Police Investigations Unit would investigate the circumstances surrounding the Palestinians' injuries, the spokesman said.

About 50 Palestinians were detained during the Temple Mount rioting and the disturbances that followed in several Arab neighborhoods of eastern Jerusalem, the spokesman said.

Hefetz said it had been essential that the police act quickly, before the unrest got even further out of control. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who went onto the Temple Mount just after the disturbances were brought under control, praised the police response.

But Palestinians charged police had opened fire too quickly, and that live bullets also were used. Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit said only tear gas and rubber bullets were fired.

Amit, who was on the mount during the noon prayers, said hundreds of youths began calling out "Allah Akbar" in a threatening fashion, closing in on the policemen stationed there and throwing stones, giving police no choice but to open fire.

But Palestinian sources presented a far different picture. They said it was only a small group of youths who threw stones and that the calls of "Allah Akbar" were misinterpreted by police as being threatening, when they were in fact only the traditional call at the end of prayers.

The police could have waited and brought things under control without being so quick to open fire, the Palestinian sources said. Police fired tear gas inside Al-Aksa Mosque itself, in order to flush out the worshippers who had run inside for cover, after the shooting began, they said.

Police had been especially sensitive to the situation on Al-Aksa because of intelligence reports that Palestinians planned to sneak weapons into the mosque to use in demonstrations after noon prayers were completed. No shots, however,

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US proposes to host Netanyahu-Arafat summit

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is holding out for a clear understanding on the outcome of any meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu before agreeing to meet him, diplomatic sources said.

Late last night it remained unclear whether Netanyahu and Arafat would meet in Washington under President Bill Clinton's auspices during the next few days or whether, if the stalemate continued, Secretary of State Warren Christopher would come to the region to broker a deal. The US is offering to host the summit in Washington, a senior US administration official said yesterday.

In Gaza, US Consul-General in Jerusalem Edward Abington held talks with Arafat, and UN Special Coordinator for the Territories Terje Larsen met with Arafat's deputy Mahmoud Abbas in a bid to break the deadlock. US Ambassador Martin Indyk was in touch with top Israeli officials last night.

While all agree that the talks on Hebron redeployment should be restarted, the central question last night remained whether Arafat would insist on a gesture - such as speeding up the redeployment - that Netanyahu might accept, or if he would ask for more extensive concessions, which could prompt the more right-wing elements in the cabinet to scotch any move.

Netanyahu's political maneuvering room seems narrow. Science Minister Ze'ev Begin said the cabinet had instructed Netanyahu not to end this affair by rewarding Arafat.

The US last night seemed poised to veto an impending UN Security Council resolution on the Hasmonean Tunnel exit. Five weeks before the US election, and with his lead over Republican challenger Bob Dole shrinking, it seemed that Clinton is in no mood to infuriate American Jews by allowing such a resolution to pass.

At the same time, the US has made clear that they would like Netanyahu to make a gesture to the Palestinians during a meeting with Arafat. An official in the Prime Minister's Office said last night, however, "If anybody tries to deliver a political reward for Arafat's decision to incite his people to violence, this will destroy the peace process. If Arafat succeeds in obtaining such a reward now, he will do it every 10 days."

Arafat prefers a meeting under the auspices of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, apparently because he believes a one-on-one meeting would degenerate into mutual recriminations. But officials in Jerusalem reject a meeting under Mubarak's auspices, as they do not see him as an honest broker, especially after a recent spate of Egyptian vitriol against Israel.

Arafat's spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said yesterday, "our demands are clear. We want them to close the tunnel, put the peace process back on track, and immediately implement the Oslo accords." A meeting of the PLO Executive Committee and the Palestinian Authority cabinet yesterday also demanded the closure of the tunnel and a meeting between Arafat and Netanyahu in Cairo under Mubarak's auspices, preferably with European and US participation.

"We don't think that a bilateral meeting at this time is the best venue... We want a meeting that clearly measures the provocation which led to this popular explosion... We want to see the Israeli government respect agreements it has signed, and to see action on withdrawal from Hebron," said Planning Minister Nabil Shaath.

Speaking last night in Jerusalem to 6,000 participants at a conference of the International Christian Embassy, Netanyahu declared to a wildly cheering audience that the tunnel "is open. It will stay open. It will always stay open." He said the tunnel is a full 250 meters from the nearest mosques.

At the meeting, he declared that he was very happy to address the group in Jerusalem "the eternal universal capital of the Jewish people."

A leader of the embassy called on Netanyahu to resist those many Israelis who want to make concessions, but instead be like the two biblical spies, Joshua and Caleb, who resisted the majority and called to press onward.

Speaking on Channel 1 last night, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai urged Arafat to calm his own people. Both Mordechai and OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan both made clear that Israel would enter Palestinian cities in the territories if the violence escalated.

"The Palestinians have something to lose," Mordechai declared. Mordechai was one of several top aides who participated in consultations at Netanyahu's home over Shabbat.

At a Friday afternoon press conference involving Netanyahu and the heads of the security establishment, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said

Soldier wounded in mistaken identity shooting in Lebanon

DAVID RUDGE

A GIVATI Brigade soldier was badly wounded and a Lebanese civilian was killed in a firefight in the security zone yesterday in what later turned out to be a case of mistaken identity.

The IDF's Northern Command is to investigate all the circumstances of the incident, which occurred in the Beit Lief area, in the western sector of the zone.

According to reports from the region, a Givati unit was on duty in the area when the soldiers spotted a group of people carrying weapons.

The army spokesman said the troops believed that it was a squad of terrorists and opened fire. The armed group returned fire and in the exchange one of the soldiers was seriously wounded and a Lebanese civilian was killed.

It later transpired that the armed group spotted by the soldiers consisted of a number of local residents and off-duty SLA soldiers who were apparently on a hunting expedition.

The soldiers, however, had every reason to believe they were terrorists, especially as any movement in the area in question is forbidden without special permission.

The seriously wounded soldier underwent surgery at Haifa's Rambam Hospital and is reported in stable condition.

Shahak warns of more terror attacks

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

"I HAVE no doubt that the likelihood of terror attacks of all kinds is possible, and I have no doubt that there are those among [terror] organizations who are manipulating the situation to prepare attacks against us," Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak warned yesterday.

"There is a renewal of incitement of Hamas mainly, but also of other opposition fronts," Shahak told military reporters, adding they were not only encouraging people to riot in the streets, but also acting against the Palestinian Police.

"Hamas is very active now," Shahak said. "We are aware of cooperation between the groups and I won't be surprised if there will be attacks by them. The situation is totally unstable and the potential for incidents to erupt can happen at any moment."

He said the heavy troop deployment in the territories can't continue for a long period and a solution needs to be found quickly.

"We can't live with this situation for a long period of time. This situation has to change and in my opinion is unacceptable, unreasonable and we can't maintain it for a long time. We have to come up with a solution that we can decide on and carry out," Shahak said.

Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilad, head of military intelligence analysis and assessment, accused Palestinian

'Sunday Times': Shahak to quit

LONDON (AP) - Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak is planning to quit in anger at Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's handling of this week's crisis, a London newspaper reports today.

Shahak has written his resignation letter, a front page Tel Aviv-dated story in *The Sunday Times* reported, not citing sources.

Shahak reportedly is furious at Netanyahu for saying the army backed his decision this week to open the Hasmonean Tunnel in Jerusalem.

Shahak actually opposed opening the tunnel, *The Sunday Times* reported, and also faulted Netanyahu for not heeding his warnings that Palestinian anger was rising.

Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat of creating a crisis for political gains.

"At this moment, Arafat is trying to calm the situation as part of his expectations to receive political gains. In simple words, he wants items like Hebron to end in his

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US attempting to stifle UN Security Council condemnation of Israel

MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK

AT a Security Council debate at the United Nations Friday, the US urged the body to encourage Israel and the Palestinians to revive the Middle East peace process and not to condemn Israel.

The call, by US Ambassador Madeleine Albright, contrasted with the views of most other speakers, who criticized Israel for opening a new exit to the Hasmonean Tunnel in Jerusalem's Old City and accused it of delaying peace moves.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara told the council that the Israeli-Palestinian crisis showed the Middle East peace process was dying and accused Israel of trying to destroy it.

"Dozens of nations joined the UN debate on the tunnel controversy and the violence that followed, with many attacking Israel's handling of the peace process."

The debate was initiated by Egypt, the only Arab member of the 15-nation council. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said Israel's lack of commitment threatened to set back the process. A "policy of aggression, pressure, blockades, closing of the territories, imprisonment and lack of respect for commitments can only lead to frustration, explosion, blood and victims," he said.

Foreign Minister David Levy and Moussa were due to meet last night in New York.

Farouk Kaddoumi, speaking for the PLO mission, demanded that Israel seal the tunnel entrance. He also called for a fact-finding mission to Israel to look into what he described as the generally deteriorating situation. The PLO has assailed what it said was a number of provocative steps, including encouragement of Israeli settlement and failure to withdraw from Hebron.

Kaddoumi blamed the tensions on the rise of "radical extremist forces" in Israel, and said the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin "demonstrated the depth of fundamentalism and terrorism inside Israeli society itself."

Levy attacked "the orchestrated attempt to put the blame on Israel and to portray her as the sole responsible party for the bitter harvest of bloodshed." He refuted "in their entirety the distortions of fact that were being spread at the UN regarding the recent events," and called on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to exercise a restraining influence over the Palestinians.

"No matter what claims may be held against Israel, they in no way justify the incitement to violence and the use of live weapons, especially by those who have been empowered by the [Oslo] agreements to ensure law and order," Levy said Friday.

The Security Council was expected to resume the debate yesterday afternoon and the outcome was uncertain.

The Arab states on Friday circulated a draft resolution calling for a halt to violence and a resumption of peace talks and demanding that Israel close the tunnel and cease "all acts affecting the safety of the Palestinian people."

Albright told the council: "Let us turn our attention not toward condemnation but toward encouraging the parties to restore the peace process and return to efforts to achieve concrete progress. Words here are no substitute for action in the region."

There was a parade of diplomatic heavyweights addressing the council, because the UN is hosting foreign ministers for the opening of the 51st session of the General Assembly. Levy is scheduled to address the assembly on Thursday.

Many foreign ministers criticized Israel for delaying the peace process. Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov called on Israel to implement its agreements with the Palestinians, saying the violence a "direct result of reckless activity."

"Russia urges strongly all the interested parties to show maximum restraint and to avoid action that would worsen the situation," Primakov told the council.

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50,000 protest against Netanyahu's policies at Tel Aviv rally

'Bibi is destroying all chances for peace'

SOME 50,000 people gathered at Tel Aviv's Kikar Hamedina last night to hear Peace Now speakers who directly blamed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for the events of the last three days, which led to the deaths of 14 Israelis and left scores wounded.

The speakers included former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat, Kibbutz Artzi Secretary-General Avshalom Vilan, author Gadi Taub, and Tel Aviv University philosophy Prof. Asa Kasher.

"Amid a forest of posters, that read among others, 'Bibi, the nation's undertaker' and 'Rabin, your testament to us was peace,' speaker after speaker called for the restoration of the peace process, which Kasher said 'has

HELEN KAYE

been derailed." He added: "It's not enough for Bibi to pose with our children. He also has to guard their lives."

Taub called on those in the Likud, Shas, NRP and other coalition parties "who now feel they're stuck with a charlatan" to cross over and work with the peace camp, while Peace Now activist Moshe Halberstam said, "Netanyahu has no mandate to destroy Rabin's work."

"It's terrible what's happening," Eshkar Eldan-Cohen of Rishon LeZion said. "I don't think Bibi has a policy. He's handsome, he knows how to talk and his program is to be in power."

The consensus of the speakers at the rally was that Netanyahu doesn't know what he's doing, that he's arrogant and that he has no intention of making peace. A Tel Aviv man who declined to give his name commented, "We are on the edge of an abyss. If we go on like this we'll have war for sure."

"Bibi is destroying all chances for peace," said Tel Aviv resident Sara Nisselboim, and said of the Palestinian violence, "when people lose hope they fight. We did the same when we were fighting for the state."

Vilan got a roar of applause when he said Netanyahu should remember "Israel is a place in which there is a flavor to life and not just a fight for its existence."

Arafat wins back lost popularity

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has significantly improved his standing across the Palestinian political spectrum during the past four days of violence, according to representatives from all Palestinian political factions in the territories.

BACKGROUND

JON IMMANUEL

And when protesters threw stones at soldiers, and soldiers fired back, police, egged on by unarmed civilians, began firing at the soldiers.

Despite the growing casualties, Arafat did not appeal for calm but accused the government "of killing our children." Arafat first issued qualified verbal orders to calm the situation on Thursday afternoon when Palestinian police were engaged in gunfights with IDF soldiers and the casualty rate was rising at an alarming rate.

He did not give orders to the police to cease fire, to push civilians back or even declare a curfew, which given the passions involved might have led to intercommunal Palestinian clashes.

Instead he justified the failure of the police to withdraw by saying they could use their weapons to defend their lives.

Since the Palestinians considered IDF soldiers to be the initiators of the shooting, the qualification was an invitation to continue shooting. Local commanders stayed in the background.

Palestinian Television, which is under Arafat's direct control, inflamed passions by broadcasting film clips of corpses and describing the riots as an Israeli "massacre," as did Arafat himself.

Late Thursday afternoon Arafat took the first step of ordering police to bring the situation under control and Palestinian police chiefs Rivhi Arafat and Jibril Rajoub visited Bethlehem and Ramallah to assess the situation.

On Friday morning the picture changed sharply as police took active steps to stop the fighting.

The Palestinian media appealed for calm. In Ramallah, the local radio station, Al Watan, which is not under direct PA control and was broadcasting live satellite footage of the demonstrations, was silenced suddenly at 10 a.m.

Police issued verbal orders to civilians to keep away from Israeli positions. At the same time, Arafat spoke with President Ezer Weizman linking an end to violence with renewal of negotiations.

The strike and day of mourning issued on Wednesday for the seven dead was not renewed on Friday, after nearly 60 had been killed.

Yesterday, the verbal order to keep away from IDF posts became a written order in the Palestinian press to keep away from "closed military areas," an Israeli term hated by Palestinians.

Police, who days earlier had been shooting at Israelis, took active measures with riot sticks to prevent clashes with the IDF in the West Bank and Gaza, ending the rioting as suddenly as it had begun.

US Arab leaders ask government to pressure Israel

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

ARAB-American leaders are urging Clinton Administration officials to press Israel to close the disputed Hasmonaean Tunnel, implement peace process commitments and resume negotiations.

They are also requesting that the US step up public pressure on Israel and, in the words of Arab American Institute President Jim Zogby, explicitly "lay down the markers" to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

The Arab leaders also said they are furious about Israel's use of American-provided Cobra helicopters to shoot at civilians in the territories and intend to take their case to Congress on the basis of the helicopters not being used for defensive purposes as required under US law.

The Arab-American leaders said they were reassured, after meetings with State Department and National Security Council officials late in the week, that the administration is actively working to halt the clashes and return the two sides to the negotiating table.

"We have no problem with the administration's attempts to stop the fighting, but we feel the administration should take steps that are more forceful and more elaborate," said Khalil Jhishan, executive director of the National Association of Arab Americans.

"We as Arab-Americans feel the administration has contributed - not in the last few days but to the situation as it developed - by being hands-offish, letting the situation be clarified" after Netanyahu took power, he said.

"We feel the US should use all means at its disposal to call for the tunnel to be closed, not only temporarily but to use all means possible, including - and I know this is a red flag in the Jewish community - [withholding] foreign aid."

Arab ambassadors have also met here during the crisis, as well as with Arab-American groups.

PLO representative Hassan Abdel-Rahman said the administration has "conveyed" Arab concerns to Israel but must do more.

"For Arab and Palestinian public opinion, it's very important to perceive the US is doing what is needed in order to maintain support in our part of the world for the peace process," he said.

Meanwhile, Americans for Peace Now placed the onus for the fighting on Netanyahu for allowing the peace process's "stagnation" and for opening the tunnel "that led to this very serious breakdown in law and order."

Husseini: We're not preparing for new intifada

PALESTINIANS are not preparing for a new intifada, PLO official Faisal Husseini, currently in Bonn, told the German weekly *Der Spiegel*.

He said Palestinians now had an administration which provides them with an alternative to violent protest.

"In contrast to the days of the intifada, the Palestinians now have a government. The way of orderly negotiations is known. Only, the Israelis must really want to walk along it."

But he cautioned that it might not be possible to prevent violent reactions, even by the Palestinian Police, if Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government did not show more interest in continuing the peace process.

(Reuters)



Palestinian policeman Ziad Isaldin, 35, is buried in Nablus yesterday. He was killed in Jericho on Friday.

Can the IDF count on its reserves?

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

FOR now, the IDF is not calling up its reserves to put down the latest violence in the territories. But the deadly clashes have hit Israel when motivation to serve is at an all-time low, among both conscripts and reserve soldiers. Can Israel's increasingly individualistic, pleasure-seeking society stomach another prolonged war against the Palestinians?

Army commanders insist that in times of war there is an unequivocal willingness to defend the state. But even they admit that the Palestinian crisis is not an existential threat, and it isn't clear how much Israeli men are willing to sacrifice to enforce a policy on which the public is clearly so divided.

"All the preparation for the [reserve] units which we will perhaps need in the Central Command has been carried out. And it is not out of motivation considerations that we are not calling them up," said OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan.

He added that his command was being flooded with calls from reservists who wanted to help put down the latest violence.

Still, the snowballing drop in the

motivation comes at an inopportune time for the Likud-led government. A random sampling of Israeli reservists, veterans of the intifada, shows that despite the accumulated weariness, most would still answer the call.

"People have become tired of doing reserve duty, particularly those who are self-employed. You can't leave your work, especially for a questionable task," said Chaim Semach, a 39-year-old instrument salesman from Herzliya.

He said most of the men he works with avoid reserve duty.

"[The peace process] has stopped, so why should we show up and be manipulated?" Semach said.

David Zahavi, 35, a financial consultant in Hadera, hesitated and then decided he would show up if called. In fact, he expects to do so in Judea and Samaria during his reserve duty this November.

"There's a lot of decay in the army. I'm the average guy. I'd love to get out of it, but instead I go when I'm called and try to get through it in one piece, not fall

asleep on guard duty and not get hurt," Zahavi said.

He said his office supported and respected him for serving, but Zahavi, who does not agree politically with the current government, said he would not risk the consequences of refusing to serve.

"I won't go AWOL. The question shouldn't be why I do reserves. You should ask those who evade service why they do so," Zahavi said.

In the Samaritan settlement of Dotan, near Jenin, David Schwartz said he, like many other Israeli men who serve in combat units, was willing to serve, but felt society was not fully behind him.

"I still consider myself a Zionist, and the army and the defense of this country and the Jewish people is of prime importance for me," said Schwartz, a gun instructor.

He said his only hesitation about showing up when called stems from his concern for his wife and three children who remain behind.

"I wouldn't hesitate to patrol in Nablus or Ramallah because it is my duty. Sometimes in life you

have to give back to society," said Schwartz, who immigrated 16 years ago from New York.

But in Kfar Azar, near Tel Aviv, computer programmer Itzik Ayoun said he would prefer prison to serving in the West Bank or Gaza Strip again.

"I won't go. I'd go to jail. My life is more important. My kids are more important," Ayoun said.

He believed another round of intifada would decimate the ranks of reserve units because even more people would try to evade service.

"Psychologically, people started to think peace, and even if it is not bearing fruit, to be called up to suppress Palestinian rioters is to fight a war with no point to it," Ayoun said. "I did it once. I won't do it again."

Tel Aviv guitarist Eli Marcus said Israelis had enough problems, like income taxes and traffic accidents, so that fewer were eager to do reserve duty, as well.

"People have neglected their responsibilities. The intifada wore them down. Tel Aviv is like a bubble. People who live here want other problems to go away and to live an easy life," Marcus said.

SOLDIERS

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Israel-Palestinian coordination office in the town. Many Palestinians were reported wounded in the ensuing gun battle. (Related stories, page 12)

Yanai said that despite yesterday's relative calm, there was potential for further unrest.

Shahak, who said in an interview with Army Radio that he was not consulted about the opening last week of the exit to the Hasmonaean Tunnel, added he had no problem deploying to deal with the Palestinian rioting last week.

"We did not lack time in deploying. We did not have a problem of time in deploying," Shahak said.

In Nablus, Joseph's Tomb remained in Israeli hands following an Israeli demand that the Palestinian Police restore order in the city. Israel on Friday allowed 100 Palestinian policemen from Ramallah to be transferred to Nablus to reinforce the garrison there.

Dayan said a large armored force was deployed around Nablus as a warning to the Palestinians that Israel would not hesitate to reoccupy the city should the situation deteriorate.

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he "cynically manipulated a non-issue" of the tunnel to reap political gains.

The prime minister declared that not only "must [Arafat] personally intervene to stop" the clashes, but in a broader sense, he "must abandon the insane idea that peace can be negotiated through the tactics of war."

"Everybody gets frustrated in peace talks. But imagine if when I got frustrated I called for violence. There would be a worldwide storm against us," the premier said.

He said Arafat "must renounce violence [as a way] to work out frustrations." Moreover, the pre-

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He said that "putting the genie back into the bottle is not simple," but it was now up to the political level. He said the IDF assessment was that Arafat was capable of returning calm on the ground, but that he would now focus on obtaining political gains.

"Just like he ignited the fire, he'll use all his strength to extin-

MOUNT

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Sporadic unrest was reported Friday night in Shuafat, Shuafat refugee camp, Abu Tor and Jebel Mukaber, with youths burning tires and setting up stone barricades on several streets.

In Jebel Mukaber, a Border Police jeep swerved into a wadi, leaving the four policemen inside lightly to moderately injured. Palestinian residents reportedly called police, and provided initial help to the injured policemen, despite earlier clashes between police and residents.

US hoping for Netanyahu-Arafat meeting 'soon'

HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

THE US expects a meeting between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat will be held "quite soon," the State Department said on Friday.

Spokesman Nicholas Burns said the date and venue of the meeting would be announced by the parties themselves. But US sources were predicting it might happen as early as last night at the Erez checkpoint.

Burns said prospects for a meeting to ease tensions after three days of clashes had improved after intensive telephone diplomacy from New York by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and his aides.

Since the violence erupted on Wednesday, the secretary of state and Middle East peace process coordinator Dennis Ross have made dozens of phone calls to Netanyahu, Arafat, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and other key leaders.

"Based on [Friday's] discussions, we are very hopeful that a meeting will be held quite soon between Prime Minister Netanyahu and Chairman Arafat," Burns told reporters.

"They understand, as a result of

our discussions today, the importance of not only meeting very soon, but also of having a productive meeting, a meeting in which they agree to take specific steps to turn their situation away from conflict and division and violence and back towards a process where peace discussions can be resumed."

Burns said US officials believed the situation was "headed in the right direction."

US sources, who asked not to be identified, said it was possible there could also be a second meeting next week in Cairo that would also be attended by Christopher.

Because of last week's opening of the autumn session at the UN, high-level American diplomacy to restore calm in the territories has been conducted from New York, where Christopher has led US efforts.

Ross also flew to New York for Christopher's previously scheduled separate meetings Friday with foreign ministers David Levy, Farouk Shara of Syria and Amr Moussa of Egypt.

Christopher was scheduled to return to Washington yesterday to brief President Bill Clinton on the situation.

Assad: Stalemate won't necessarily lead to war

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad has said that a continued stalemate in the talks with Israel would "not necessarily" lead to war but would undermine regional stability and that "could lead to what we might call war or wars."

In an interview on CNN with veteran columnist Rowland Evans, scheduled for broadcast last night, Assad also stated "It is difficult for anybody to determine what kind of changes will take place, because people in their pursuit to regain their rights are not necessarily oriented towards adopting a single method of action."

The interview was conducted Wednesday at the presidential palace in Damascus and is the first Assad did with an American journalist in three years. It occurred before the flare-up of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Assad stated that during negotiations in the US, Israel agreed to withdraw to the pre-Six Day War borders. The statement nearly matches that made in a new Israeli book asserting that former prime minister Shimon Peres found out about his predecessor's Yitzhak Rabin's commitment to withdraw to the international border just after Rabin's assassination.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has also confirmed the book's account.

Assad stated that recent Syrian troop deployments near the Golan Heights "certainly [do] not amount to an attack on Israel" and occurred because Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu "was threatening to attack

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Labor calls for no-confidence vote

LABOR Knesset faction chairman MK Ra'anan Cohen said yesterday that he would present a motion of no-confidence in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the start of the Knesset session after Succot.

"Israel cannot serve as a guinea pig for a green prime minister, and we'll present a motion of no-confidence in him," Cohen said.

"If Netanyahu would have had the sense to consult with the security forces, and not with his junior advisers, we would not have adopted a policy which starts with provocation and ends with obsequiousness.

"In his 100 days in office, Netanyahu has succeeded in bringing Israel back to the era before the peace that Menachem Begin signed with Egypt, and is leading Israel to a renewed war situation with a united Arab world against us, and Israel's isolation in the international arena," he said.

The Labor response team, led by MK Dalia

LIAT COLLINS

Itzik, issued a statement Friday saying: "Instead of providing real answers to the difficult situation that Netanyahu created, he avoids explaining, incites and lies. Netanyahu, who got the country in trouble on all fronts, must take it upon himself to stop speaking in empty phrases which inflame the situation, and rejuvenate the peace process."

"Netanyahu refuses to admit he failed," MK Ephraim Sneh said. "He knows how to create crises, but doesn't how to handle them.

"This foul-up by the prime minister is just added, unfortunately, to many others, the worst of which was the mistaken and irresponsible decision to open the exit of the Hasmonean Tunnel, contrary to the General Security Service's recommendations, as the GSS chief said at the press conference [on Friday,] Party

Secretary Nissim Zvilli said.

Likud faction and coalition chairman Michael Eitan yesterday accused the Labor Party of supporting the Arab incitement against the government.

"At a time when Palestinian terror is spilling the blood of soldiers and civilians, the Labor Party has chosen to attack the government and not Palestinian terror and in this way has joined the Arabs in its incitement against the State of Israel," Eitan said.

He called on Labor to stand with the government and security forces in the fight against terror. Eitan also accused Labor of "continuing to contribute to attempts to divide Jerusalem."

He accused Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat of using incitement to weaken Israel and harm its sovereignty in Jerusalem and said Labor was aiding him by its anti-government statements

Ayalon warns Arafat

STEVE RODAN

SENIOR security officials are warning Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat that terrorist attacks within Israel would end their cooperation with the PA.

"If Arafat lets go of all the stops, it would be the crossing of another line," said Ami Ayalon, head of the General Security Service, at a news conference on Friday. "I don't know if there are other lines to cross."

Ayalon warned Arafat against easing his grip on Islamic terrorist groups, who have announced they would resume attacks in Israel.

"We will have to do other things," he said, without elaborating.

Palestinian security sources also have suggested that the current battle with Israeli troops might hurt PA cooperation in fighting terrorism.

The security heads, including Chief of Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, agreed at the news conference that new guidelines would have to be imposed on any future security cooperation with the PA. Privately, security officials said that the trust developed between the IDF and other security agencies and the PA has been shattered.

Shahak said on Friday that the army had only several hours notice on the opening of a new

exit for the tunnel.

"We only knew about its opening on the evening after Yom Kippur," Shahak told Israel Radio.

At the news conference, the officials said they foresaw an eventual explosion in the territories, given what they termed the deterioration of the Palestinian economy, corruption within the PA, the rise of Islamic extremism and the Arafat's belief that the peace process is deadlocked.

"We saw for a long time that all of the elements of inflammation were there," Ayalon said. "We couldn't say what would be the straw [to break the camel's back.]"

Still, Ayalon said he supported completing the new exit to the Hasmonean Tunnel in Jerusalem's Old City. He said he conditioned his support on agreement between Israel and the PA on the start of talks over the IDF redeployment in Hebron as well as what he termed the understanding reached with the Wafiq over the new facility. However, the Wafiq has reiterated that it always opposed opening another exit to the tunnel.

By Tuesday afternoon, hours after the work on the tunnel was completed, Ayalon said he braced himself for a wave of Palestinian violence.

"I predicted that the fire would

be ignited on Wednesday," he said. "We tried to stop it, but it was Arafat's decision."

Security chiefs said Arafat made a decision to escalate tension in the wake of the tunnel controversy as a way to pressure Israel to make concessions. But unlike previous attempts, this time he succeeded in sparking massive unrest. Maj-Gen. Moshe Yaalon, IDF chief of military intelligence, said he cannot say with certainty whether Arafat gave the initial order to fire at Israeli soldiers on Wednesday outside Ramallah.

But Yaalon said he is certain that Arafat gave the green light for a coalition of organizations that included his Fatah movement along with Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the Popular Front and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. This coalition, some of whose members carried guns, was meant to attack Israeli soldiers and Jewish settlers around the territories while Palestinian police were authorized to make a feeble attempt to stop them, he said.

The security chiefs agreed that Arafat can quell the unrest in the territories.

"We do believe he has the power if he wants to do it. We are not discussing his will," Ayalon said. "We are discussing his capability."

More than 30 Israeli Arabs held for stone-throwing

DAVID RUDGE

MORE than 30 suspected rioters were arrested during disturbances in the North on Friday, as Israeli Arabs staged a general strike to protest the government's policies and the fighting in the territories.

The main trouble spot was Nazareth, where hundreds of youths took to the streets and began throwing stones at police following a protest march through the city's main street.

Stones and bottles were hurled at the police station, not far from Mary's Well, breaking the relative quiet that had marked the earlier procession and similar protests in Arab towns and villages throughout the country.

Police tried to disperse the stone throwers, but the disturbances continued. Garbage containers were overturned and set alight and at a later stage the windows of the city's Bank Hapoalim branch were smashed. Several police vehicles were also damaged.

The main street was blocked and

the police eventually had to use tear gas to push the rock throwers, some with their faces masked, into the eastern district of the city and off the main street.

Calm was finally restored late in the evening after a total of 21 people, eight of them juveniles, were arrested.

There were also disturbances on the Nahal Iron road near the turnoffs to Umm al-Fahm and Baka al-Gharbiya. Stones were thrown at passing vehicles as well as at a police roadblock in the area and tires were set alight. Police arrested 13 residents of Baka al-Gharbiya.

A police officer was lightly injured and three patrol cars were damaged in a separate stone-throwing incident in Kafir Kana, not far from Nazareth, on Friday evening.

The incidents marred what Israeli Arab leaders had intended to be a vociferous but peaceful nationwide demonstration to press

for the resumption of peace talks, implementation of all agreements and the closure of the Hasmonean Tunnel in Jerusalem.

Hussein Sulaiman, spokesman for the forum of Arab Council Heads, said that despite the disturbances "by a few hotheads," the Israeli Arab community had voiced its protest in a mature fashion.

"The general strike was fully supported throughout the country and tens of thousands of people

took part in the protest marches after the Friday (Moslem) prayer services," said Suleiman, who is head of Mash'had local council near Nazareth.

"We think we brought our message home to the government in no uncertain terms. If there is no change in policies, however, we will continue our protests with calls on all Moslems to go to Jerusalem next Friday at pray at Al-Aksa Mosque which will be preceded by a demonstration in the capital," he added.

Ministry: Hasmonean Tunnel tours to run throughout Succot

HAIM SHAPIRO

ALL of the Succot events planned by the Religious Affairs Ministry for the Western Wall area are to take place, including tours through the Hasmonean Tunnel, Religious Affairs Ministry spokesman Yair Wolf said last night.

"Nothing is cancelled. The tours through the tunnel will take place as planned. We have to show that Jerusalem is ours," Wolf said.

He added that the decision to go ahead with the Succot activities had been made in conjunction with the police. One of the deciding factors, he said, was that it appeared that the situation was becoming less volatile.

"I hope they won't harm us in our holy places on our holiday," Wolf said, when asked if there were fears of attacks by Moslem extremists.

In addition to the tunnel tours, which are scheduled throughout the week, the major events at the Western Wall are to take place tomorrow, starting with the traditional mass priestly blessing (*birkat cohanim*).

The *shaharit* service is to begin at 8 a.m. with the *shaharit* blessing at 8.45, while the *musaf* blessing is to take place at 9.45. Shortly afterwards, the chief rabbis traditional reception is to be held in the succa at the Wall.

Arab Christians plan prayer service 'to promote a just peace'

A GROUP of Christian leaders, including Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah and Anglican Bishop Samir Kafiry, are to hold a special joint prayer service at St. Anne's Church in what a Church spokesman said was an effort to relieve tensions and promote a just peace.

Wadei Abu Nasser, a spokesman for the Latin Patriarchate, said the prayer was intended to show that the Church was not a passive voice. He also said that the International Christian Embassy, whose Feast of Tabernacles Assembly was addressed last night by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, does not represent Christianity.

According to Christian sources, the organizers had originally hoped to hold the service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, but that this had been opposed by some of the historic churches as a violation of the status quo.

Uri Mor, director of the Religious Affairs Ministry's department for Christian communities, said he opposed any use of Christian holy places for political purposes. But Avi Binjamin, head of the Foreign Ministry's department for churches, said that if the religious leaders are taking the lead in trying to calm the situation, then this is to be welcomed. *Haim Shapiro*

Jordanian students demonstrate against Israel

Some 1,000 Jordanian students burned Israeli flags and demonstrated at the state-run Jordan University in Amman yesterday in support of a "new Palestinian intifada" against Israel.

The protesters raised banners cursing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "Oh Bibi, you terrorist, the blood of our martyrs is dear to us," one banner said.

Some demonstrators wiped their shoes with two Israeli flags before setting them ablaze at the main square inside the campus. Other students taped a large Israeli flag on the floor of the entrance leading to the science faculty so that students entering or leaving the building would walk on it. *Reuters*

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Afghan victors stop north of Kabul, for now

AFGHANISTAN'S victorious Taleban Islamic militia consolidated its hold over Kabul yesterday but appeared to have halted its drive north from the capital for the present.

Reporters visiting the area said Taleban fighters were making no attempt to advance from the Bagram military air base, 50 km north of Kabul.

They also said the forces of ousted president Burhanuddin Rabbani still controlled the Parwan provincial capital of Charikar, although Taleban sources, quoted by a Pakistan-based Afghan news service, said the militia had captured it.

Four tanks flying Taleban's plain white flag guarded the edge of the militia's territory at Bagram air base. But a score of pro-Rabbani fighters manned a checkpoint just south of Charikar about 10 km further north.

Taleban said earlier it believed Rabbani and his aides fled to Jabal-us-Seraj, north of Charikar, before the militia swept into Kabul on Friday and set up a strictly Islamic government.

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Rabbani said in a statement on Friday his administration had moved from Kabul to Parwan and the adjoining Kapisa province and was "carrying out, among other tasks, security and defense affairs" from there.

Taleban's self-declared government said it hanged two more "accomplices" of executed former president Najibullah on Friday night, naming them as his bodyguard, General Jafsar, and his aide, Tokhi.

Najibullah and his brother Shahpur Ahmadzai were themselves killed soon after Taleban captured Kabul. All four had been living at a UN compound in the city since Najibullah was ousted from power in April 1992.

The bodies of Najibullah and Shahpur were still hanging on Saturday from a concrete traffic post outside the presidential palace. There

was no sign of the bodies of Jafsar and Tokhi. Rabbani has called on the world not to recognize the fundamentalist Islamic government decreed by Taleban, which has barred women from working in offices and promised death for adulterers and drinkers.

Official Kabul Radio broadcast a message from Taleban's supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, saying his movement wanted good relations with all peace-loving countries.

The United States expressed hope that Taleban would move towards reconciliation and held out the possibility of establishing full diplomatic ties.

China voiced concern about the fighting and said it hoped for peace and reconciliation, but it stopped short of recognizing the Taleban administration.

In New Delhi, Amnesty International's Indian unit criticized the killing of Najibullah and called on governments to stop human rights abuses in Afghanistan. (Reuters)

Death toll from siege of Tamil stronghold tops 800

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Government troops drew closer to a Tamil Tiger rebel stronghold in northern Sri Lanka yesterday, as officials reported 90 more casualties taking the death toll in one week of fighting to 800.

The military intercepted rebel radio messages urging guerrilla fighters in distant towns to join the battle. The rebels also blew up the telecommunications tower in their stronghold of Kilinochchi late Friday, a sign that they were preparing to abandon the town.

The new casualties included 25 guerrillas and 21 soldiers killed in fighting on Friday, and 52 soldiers who succumbed to their wounds from Thursday's failed rebel counter-attack, in which 525 people had already died, said a military spokesman, who asked not to be named.

The latest deaths raised the toll from the seven-day siege to at least 834, including 219 soldiers and 615 guerrillas.

The rebels moved their headquarters to Kilinochchi after the military captured their headquarters of Jaffna city in December.

Kilinochchi first came under assault in July, but fierce guerrilla resistance drove the army back.

The rebels are fighting for a homeland for the minority Tamils, who constitute 18 percent of Sri Lanka's 17 million population. Sinhalese make up 75 percent of the population.

More than 46,000 people have been killed since the Tamil uprising began in 1983.

Protests pour in after Burma detains democracy activists

RANGOON, Burma (Reuters) — Condemnation of Burma's military rulers poured in from around the world yesterday as troops blocked streets around Aung San Suu Kyi's house for the second day to prevent a meeting of democracy activists.

Foreign governments and human rights groups called on the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) to stop its repressive tactics and demanded the immediate release of 109 activists detained by the military government in a bid to prevent the meeting.

US State Department deputy spokesman Glyn Davies said in Washington on Friday that the SLORC's actions prevented Nobel peace laureate Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy (NLD) party from exercising their basic political rights.

The House of Representatives scheduled a vote on the compromise in a rare Saturday session while the Senate will debate through the weekend and send it to the White House before tomorrow's midnight deadline. The new fiscal year starts Tuesday, and without passage of this bill, federal agencies would be forced to close.

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UK police charge four IRA suspects after raids

LONDON (Reuters) — British police charged four Irish Republican Army suspects yesterday with conspiracy to cause explosions after raids in London that netted 10 tonnes of explosives.

But controversy mounted over the shooting dead of an unarmed man during the raids on Monday, with the man's Irish-born parents accusing police of taking the law into their own hands.

Police said four men would appear in a top-security London magistrates court tomorrow to hear charges of conspiring to cause an explosion likely to endanger life and possession of explosives.

White House, Congress reach accord on 1997 budget

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — After an all-night bargaining session, the White House and Congress reached a budget agreement early yesterday that gives President Bill Clinton \$6.5 billion more than he wanted in domestic spending.

Republican congressional leaders, who last year pushed the government to shutdown twice rather than accept the administration's budget, stressed that the bipartisan accord ensured the government would stay open next week.

The massive \$450 billion spending bill also includes banking regulatory reform, bolsters savings and loan reserves, sells broadcast airwaves, clamps down on illegal immigration and expands anti-terrorism efforts.

Shortly before the president's arrival in Providence, Rhode Island, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said that Clinton was happy with the deal. The administration had wanted the Defense Department's \$245 billion cut by \$3 billion and had asked for \$10 billion in extra domestic spending.

"He's obviously delighted that bipartisanship has prevailed and that we've reached an agreement that is fiscally prudent and that continues to keep us on a course toward a balanced budget," said McCurry.

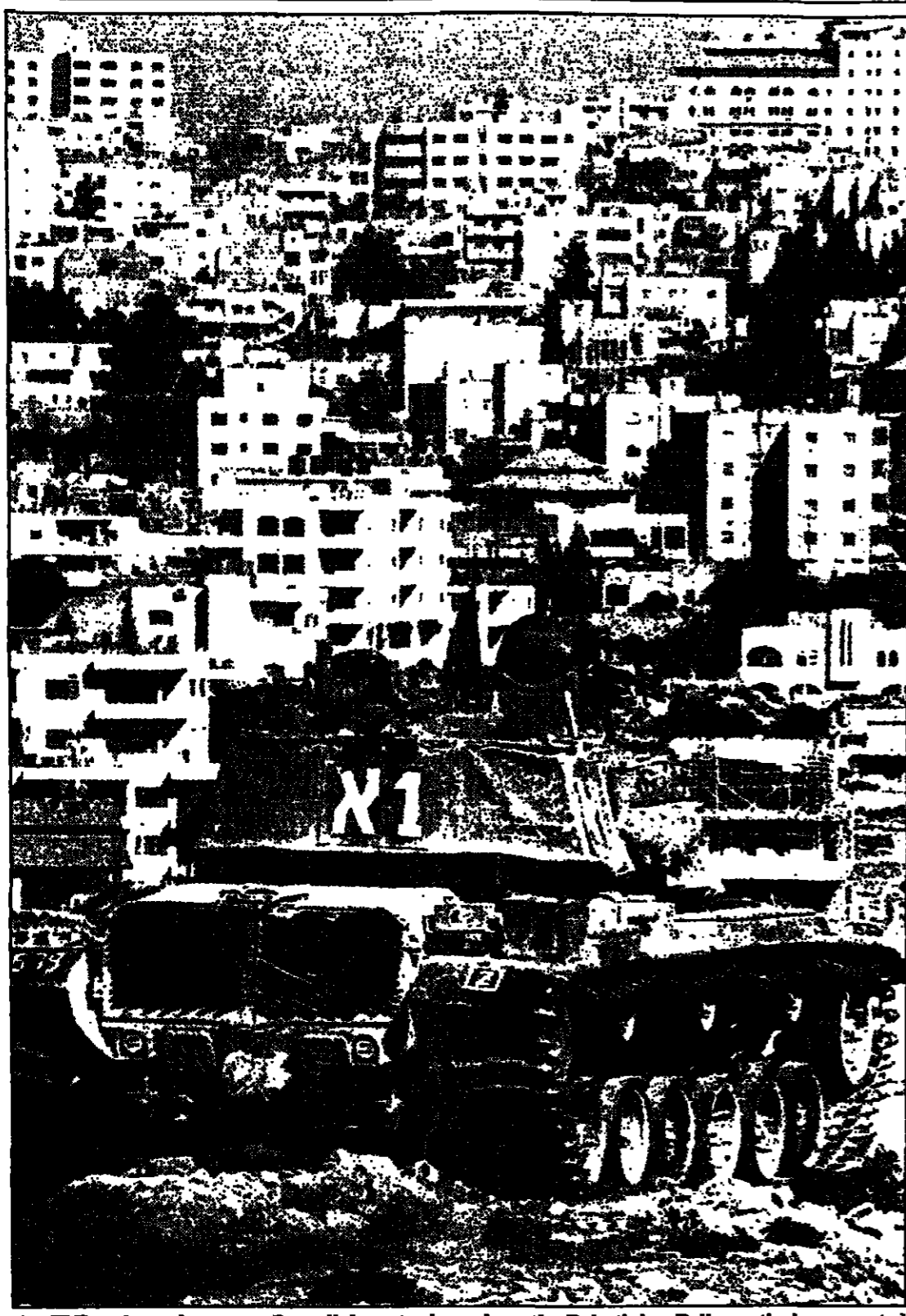
Republicans were in a rush to adjourn so they could begin campaigning. Asked if that meant they gave into Clinton, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, said that wasn't the case but that compromises were made.

"One of the lessons we learned is that you have got to find a way to work together to get things through the Senate. You have got to find a way to get the signature of the president if you want to get it done," Gingrich (R-Georgia) said of the compromises they made this year.

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An IDF tank on duty near Ramallah yesterday, where the Palestinian Police actively prevented Palestinians from approaching IDF roadblocks at the city exits. (Ariel Jerolimski)

Violence down as PA Police prevent confrontations with IDF

SMALL-SCALE clashes between Palestinians and IDF troops moved to areas under Israeli control yesterday as Palestinian Police, some with helmets and plastic riot shields, intervened forcefully in areas under their own control to break up demonstrations near IDF checkpoints.

In Ramallah, scenes of gun battles last week, areas near the IDF checkpoints were declared "closed military zones" by the Palestinian Authority.

Palestinian newspapers carried an announcement from the governor of Ramallah declaring the city's exits, where IDF checkpoints are situated, closed military zones. The PA Police clashed with hundreds of demonstrators who tried to approach them. Most of the demonstrators were identified with opposition Islamic and radi-

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cal PLO groups.

In Gaza, Palestinian Police dispersed youths heading towards Erez checkpoint yesterday, but allowed a march by 200 lawyers and accountants in Gaza City. In Rafah, where Palestinians can directly approach the border fences, hundreds began throwing stones at an IDF post Friday. IDF soldiers fired back, wounding 50 according to Palestinian sources in Rafah. Helicopters fired into the camp, leaving a gaping hole in the roof of an asbestos hut and wounding three, said an eyewitness who evacuated the wounded.

Clashes resumed in Rafah last night, where four tanks were posted. However some 60 police in the refugee camp tried to keep youths away from the border points. Ten

Palestinians were reported wounded by IDF fire there yesterday. In Tulkarm, the son of the Tulkarm governor, Izzadin Sharif, was buried in a mass funeral, after being shot in an incident Friday. In Ramallah yesterday, police were stationed at the entrance to al-Amari refugee camp, on the Nablus road about a kilometer from the southern IDF checkpoint, and formed a cordon across the road a few hundred meters from the Israeli checkpoint, clashing with civilians who attempted to cross.

Clashes between IDF troops and Palestinians were reported in Kalandia refugee camp and Khader near Bethlehem, which are under Israeli control, and in Arab areas of Jerusalem, Shuafat and Jebel Mukaber, close to Armon Hanatziv.

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Test of leadership

JUST as the Palestinian Authority authorized last week's outbreak of violence that left 14 Israelis and over 50 Palestinians dead it has, for now, instructed its police and other security forces to keep Palestinian protests in check and prevent further shoot-outs with the IDF.

mean Israel was ready for it now. As for the budget, the figures speak for themselves. When Netanyahu took office, the budget deficit stood at NIS 3 billion. Now it has reached NIS 4.5b., with no sign of retreat.

At the same time, Netanyahu committed himself to continuing the peace process, telling the Palestinians "our hand is stretched out to you in peace." The test of Netanyahu's leadership will be his ability to work within the parameters of these two often conflicting principles.

As for Israel's relations with its Arab neighbors, the picture is even gloomier. Relations with Egypt, the most important country in the Arab world and the host of the upcoming Cairo economic conference - an event which is meant to promote Israel's integration into the region, are far from cordial, and not all the blame can be laid at the door of Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa.

The signs after Netanyahu's first 100 days in office, it must be said, are not encouraging. Many of his decisions and statements during his first three months in office have proven flawed.

While the fact that there are no negotiations with Syria is hardly Netanyahu's fault - Assad had his chance with the previous government and missed it - the premier's angry rhetoric, warning Syria against any provocation by Hizbullah in southern Lebanon, proved unwise, helping as it did to increase the tension on Israel's northern border to unprecedented levels for this decade.

His government's embarrassing swearing-in ceremony was the first example of the premier's predilection for speed over substance. Instead of ensuring that all potential personnel problems had been smoothed out before mounting the Knesset podium, Netanyahu was left with the Ariel Sharon portfolio argument blowing up in his face and stealing what should have been his show.

And the opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel, which provided the pretext for the Palestinians' deadly riots, seriously embarrassed Jordan. On the eve of Yom Kippur, King Hussein sent a helicopter to Jerusalem so that Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, Dr. Dore Gold, could visit Amman for consultations and still be back in Israel in time for the fast.

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Looking to the model of the White House, the prime minister planned a Council of Economic Advisers, an Office of Budget Management and a National Security Council.

But the premier's biggest challenge will be how he deals with the Palestinians. The joint PA-IDF patrols, which were so crucial in building confidence on both sides, are now untenable after the Palestinians' guns were turned on their former partners.

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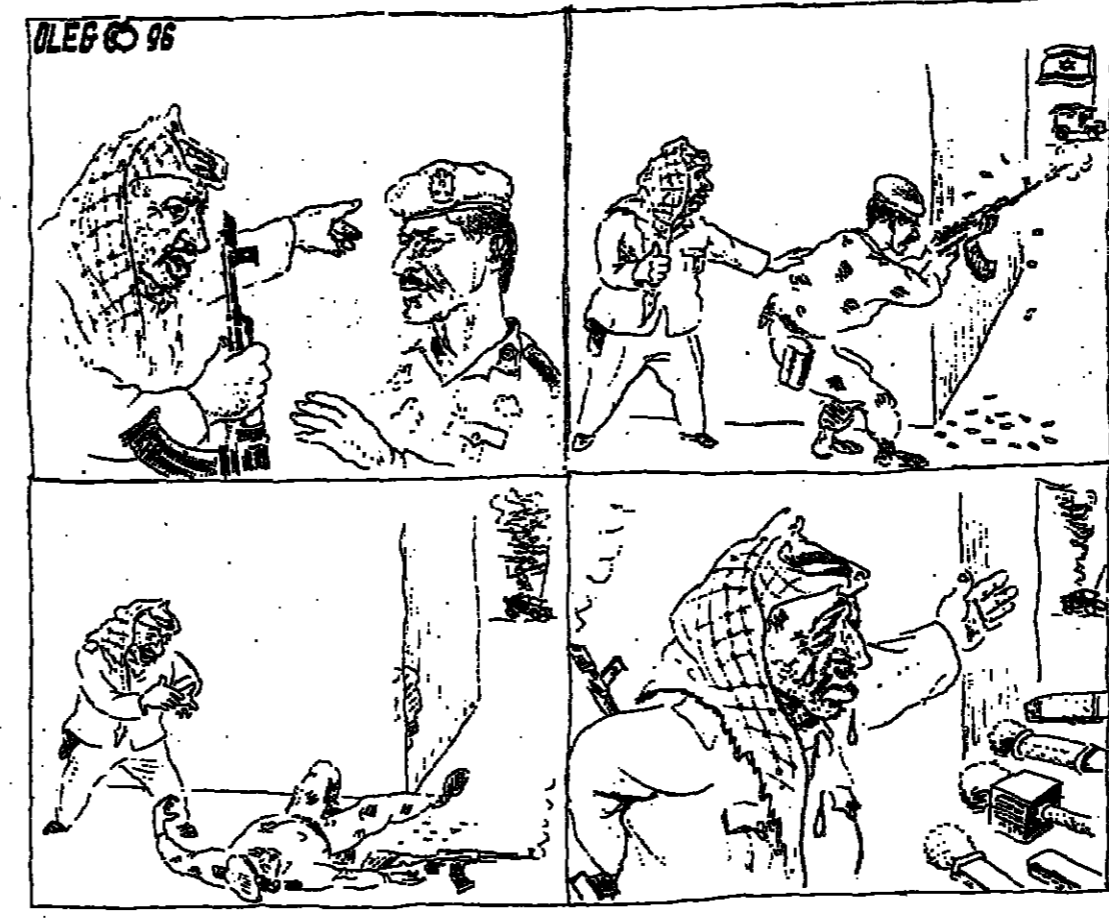
NOT BINDING Sir, - The assertion that the late prime minister Yitzhak Rubin made an unwritten but binding commitment to total withdrawal from the Golan is a complete distortion.

These kids have recently developed a new level of media sophistication. They hear the denigrating terms the Left calls the haredim, then feed them back to the media.

MORE INJUSTICE Sir, - The Swiss government, which apologized to Jews a year ago for unforgivable wrongs committed during the Holocaust, is continuing to discriminate against the survivors by giving one million Swiss francs to Jewish organizations.

DESPICABLE Sir, - I was dismayed to confront your front-page photo on September 12 of three despicable grinning young men, whose likeness should be banished from all media.

Picture Postscript Berlin artist Kani Alavi restores his painting at the largest remaining part of the Berlin Wall, a two-kilometer segment called the East Side Gallery. About 15 of the original 118 painters who transformed a stretch of the grey border into the world's largest open-air gallery participated in an effort to restore their work, which was damaged by the elements and smeared with graffiti.



40 years - of what?

The 40th anniversary of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations was celebrated earlier this month with an exclusive New York gala and full-page ads.

AVI WEISS

politics the Presidents' Conference has failed honestly to express an independent ideological doctrine. It acts similarly in the US political arena. For example, when Strobe Talbot was nominated for assistant secretary of state, the Zionist Organization of America, a Conference member, lobbied against the nomination and publicized Talbot's numerous essays written for Time magazine, which were overtly hostile to Israel.

The Presidents' Conference doesn't represent the will of the Jewish community. This shouldn't be surprising considering the origins of the Conference. It came into existence in 1956 at the behest of US secretary of state John Foster Dulles, no friend of Israel.

Since the creation of that voice, the Jewish community has too often found itself ill-represented. In its search for consensus, the Conference can stake out only those positions that will not offend its constituent members.

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Not all the damage done this past 100 days is irreparable, as long as the prime minister is prepared to accept that he has made mistakes, and learns from them - the first lesson being the importance of improving the decision-making process in the Prime Minister's Office.

The issue is one of empowerment. Does the Conference speak for the Jewish community? Does it represent the will of the people? Perhaps the following experiment should be conducted.

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'Brain open'

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

ONE of the most extraordinary minds of our time has "left." That is the word Paul Erdos, a prodigiously gifted and productive mathematician, used for "died." "Died" is the word he used to signify "stopped doing math."

It wasn't just his vocabulary that was eccentric. Erdos's whole life was so improbable no novelist could have invented him. He had no home, no family, no possessions, no address. He went from math conference to math conference, from university to university, knocking on the doors of mathematicians throughout the world, declaring "My brain is open" and moving in.

Mathematicians tend to bloom early and die early. The great Indian genius Srinivasa Ramanujan died at 32. The great French mathematician Evariste Galois died at 21. And those who don't literally die young, die young in Erdos's sense. By 30, they've lost it.

ERDOS was unusual in yet one other respect. The notion of the itinerant, eccentric genius, totally absorbed in his own world, is part of a cliché that almost always includes "anti-social."

ERDOS didn't just share his genius. He shared his money. In fact, he gave away everything he earned. He was a soft touch for whatever charitable or hard-luck cause came his way.

A few years ago, Graham tells me. Erdos heard of a promising young mathematician who wanted to go to Harvard but was short of the money needed. Erdos arranged to see him and lent him \$1,000. (The sum total of the money Erdos carried around at any one time was about \$30.)

Recently, the young man called Graham to say he had gone through Harvard and was now teaching at Michigan and could finally pay the money back. What should he do?

Graham consulted Erdos. Erdos said, "Tell him to do with the \$1,000 what I did."

NO survivors, indeed. (Washington Post Writers Group)

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Mideast Oil Saddam Hussein's Trump Card

By JACOB HEILBRUNN

Already Bill Clinton is declaring victory in round two of the confrontation with Iraq. Faced with the prospect of another airstrike in retaliation for attacking an American jet, Saddam Hussein promised he wouldn't repeat the offense. It seems the crisis has passed.

Not so fast. Saddam may have retreated for the moment, but he hasn't disappeared. He still has a trump card: oil. This time, the U.S. smartly saved off that fight, protecting Saudi oil fields by extending the no-fly zone to southern Iraq. Oil prices stayed steady. But the next time the tyrant on the Tigris could get lucky, a fact allies like France and Turkey recognized by paying deference and decrying the U.S. attack.

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During the Gulf war there was much talk about the perils of American dependence on foreign oil. Once Saddam was crushed, or appeared to be crushed, those apprehensions disappeared. But the fundamental problem has not. For an administration obsessed with geoeconomics, it is startling that the Clintonites have devoted almost no attention to the rise in American oil imports. Instead, they have rolled over as the Republican Congress has slashed funding for energy research.

America's dependence on Mideast oil is daunting. U.S. demand in the coming years is expected to exceed demand as in the 1970s, when the U.S. suffered twin oil shocks. At the same time, U.S. production is shrinking yearly: onshore production of crude oil will decrease at an annual rate of 1.7 percent through 2015, according to the Energy Information Administration, the independent statistical agency within the Department of Energy.

Free marketeers don't see this dependence as a problem. The market will adjust for any swings in demand, they say. People will cut back when prices go up and drive prices down. And, if prices stay high, suppliers will rush to the market, and the glut will force the oil companies to cut prices. We've already tried price controls under energy czar James Schlesinger during the Carter administration, and they failed miserably. Despite the doom-and-gloom forecasts after the Gulf war,

America is sitting pretty.

These optimists see the war itself as a comforting precedent. Though prices briefly shot up to \$40 a barrel after Saddam overran Kuwait, they soon stabilized as the Saudis stepped up production. But this was just good luck. Had Saddam immediately moved into Saudi Arabia instead of waiting in Kuwait, his 100,000-strong army could have seized Saudi oil fields located less than 200 miles from the Kuwaiti border and protected only by a Saudi national guard battalion of less than 1,000 men, as Robert J. Lieber pointed out in the summer 1992 issue of International Security. Saddam would have controlled 46 percent of the world's oil reserves. Neither Milton Friedman nor the *Cato Institute* could have stopped him from jacking up prices at will.

The potential for oil-threatening conflict in the region remains. Iraq has already attacked three of its neighbors — Iran, Kuwait and Israel. There is no reason to believe Saddam won't strike again. Instability could come from other sources. One scenario might be a joint Turkish-Iraqi grab for Iraqi territory in the north. The ascendance of Necmettin Erbakan's religious Welfare Party in Turkey does not bode well for America's future ability to influence Turkey. Saudi Arabia may become another source of trouble, since Crown Prince Abdullah has made no secret of his unease with the U.S. As America's oil thirst continues to rise, an Abdullah-led Saudi regime could work more strenuously to resurrect OPEC and influence American policy toward Israel.

Then there is Asia, whose own need for oil could spell trouble for the U.S. China's energy demand is expected to double by 2010. In 1993, Chinese imports from the Middle East for the first time exceeded those from other Asian countries. South Korea and Japan are almost completely dependent on the Middle East for imports. Asia's demand for oil is bound to increase prices worldwide.

The dependence of China and other Asian countries on the Middle East is good news for Saddam. Iraq is seeking weapons technology, and China realizes it can exchange munitions for oil. With the upsurge in nationalism in China and in the Middle East, it may not be too much to predict that the Middle East will shift toward Asia and away from the United States. If there are two factors that can hold together disparate countries that fear and revile the United States, it is nationalism and mutually beneficial trade.

What can be done? In Asia, the administration has to ensure that China does not seize control of the South China sea lanes, the highway for almost all oil bound for Japan, South Korea and

Taiwan. The United States' performance in Asia, most notably in sending warships off the coast of Taiwan, has managed to keep the Chinese in check. The U.S. should also encourage the Association of South East Asian Nations to contest Chinese aggrandizement; the Philippines and Vietnam have already clashed with Beijing.

And the home front? So far, Clinton's moves on energy policy have put politics before substance. No sooner did gasoline prices rise this summer than Clinton began to sell off oil from the 587-million-barrel Strategic Petroleum Reserve established for emergencies by President Carter. But this move won't make a dent in either the budget deficit or gas prices, since the U.S. consumes over 18 million barrels of oil per day.

The administration seems to have found its elixir in ethanol. In March, Carol Browner, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, announced tax breaks for fuel that "oxygenates like ethanol." But nothing oxygenates "like" ethanol. The ethanol bandwagon is a boondoggle; it does not fight smog and costs twice as much as gasoline to produce.

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The challenge for the Clinton administration is to devise a coherent strategy linking oil and national security. Part of that strategy must be diminishing American dependence on foreign oil, which means promoting conservation and perhaps subsidizing public transportation, such as a Northeast high-speed rail network. That's an obvious job for Vice President Al Gore, who has been noticeably silent on these issues in the past few years. But safeguarding American oil also means presiding over a pax Americana rather than a lax Americana in the Middle East. The only thing Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt fear more than U.S. resolution is U.S. irresolution. In the short term, Clinton and Gore might work to bring 4 million barrels of oil per day back onto the market. They're located in Iraq, awaiting a regime sufficiently civilized to be allowed to sell them.

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The jurors: How can justice be served?

By ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Are there 12 jurors anywhere in Los Angeles who have not made up their minds about whether O.J. Simpson murdered Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman? Public opinion polls show that most white Americans "know" that he did it, and many blacks "know" that he did not do it. Hardly anyone is "undecided."

I know of no other trial in which potential jurors are so convinced of what happened. In other high-profile cases — such as Oliver North, William Kennedy Smith, Claus von Bülow, Bernard Goetz and the policemen who assaulted Rodney King — potential jurors had opinions. But here they "know." They saw portions of the trial; they heard pundits evaluate the evidence; they have argued about it. Not only do they know they are right, they can't even understand how any rational person can hold the opposite view.

Those who believe that a fair trial is possible point to the promise jurors will make to set aside their views and consider only the evidence presented at trial. Even if jurors try to keep that promise, everything we know about psychology shows that it may be impossible. Jurors process the evidence they see and hear through the filter of their prior knowledge. An ambiguous item of evidence is viewed as incriminating by a juror who "knows" the defendant did it, and as exculpatory by a juror who "knows" the defendant didn't do it.

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Moreover, every potential juror remembers how the media characterized the jurors who acquitted Simpson at the criminal trial. They called them "ignorant," "foolish," "naive" — and worse. What juror would want to be subjected to that kind of abuse if they were to find that Simpson were not liable in the civil case. Indeed, it may well be worse in the civil case, since the public will not see what this jury sees, because of the judge's decision to exclude cameras from the courtroom, even though this is not even a criminal case, where the defendant's constitutional right to a fair trial must be balanced against the public's constitutional right to know.

Then there is the racial issue. This time the jury will probably be primarily white, because the trial will be in Santa Monica rather than in downtown Los Angeles. Even if there are two or three blacks — as former L.A. District Attorney Ira Reiner speculates there may be — the views of these jurors could be disregarded by the white majority, since only nine out of 12 votes are required for a verdict in this civil case. A public, kept in the dark by the exclusion of cameras, may well conclude that race was the dominant consideration.

The public will, of course, be kept informed about the progress of the trial by reporters who are inside the courtroom. But these reporters, too, have made up their minds about what happened, and their reporting — no matter how well intentioned — will inevitably reflect their bias.

Nor will all the reporting be well intentioned. The other day on a TV show, one of the reporters who is covering the trial for *Time* magazine said that if Faye Resnick was being supplied with drugs, her supplier was probably O.J. Simpson! When I pressed her for the basis for this opinion, she said it was Faye Resnick, whose credibility is so suspect that neither side was willing to call her as a witness at the criminal trial. When I pressed her further, she acknowledged that even Faye Resnick had not said that Simpson was the supplier for the very serious drug addiction that landed her in a treatment program. All she claims that Resnick said to her was that O.J. kept a jar of pills that he occasionally shared with Nicole and her. That is a far cry from accusing Simpson of being a drug addict's "supplier." If this is symptomatic of the quality of reporting that the public will get from *Time* magazine, there will be a serious credibility problem.

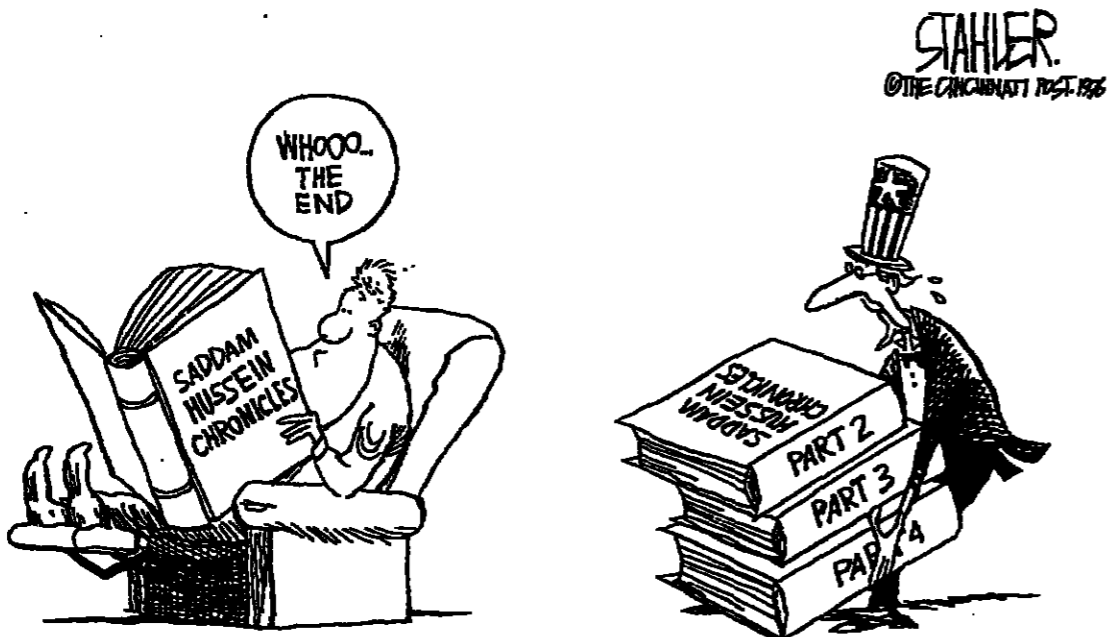
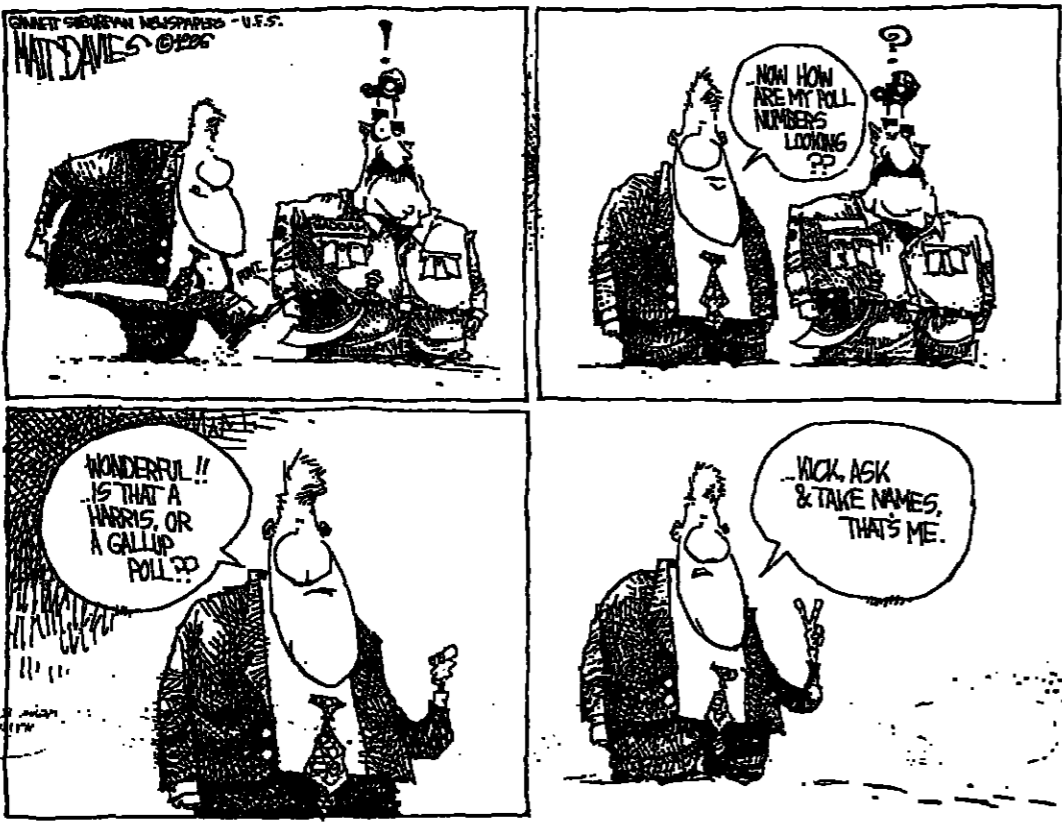
Then there is the problem of jurors with hidden agendas, ranging from getting rich to getting even. One important check on juror candor is to make relevant portions of the juror questionnaires available to the media and the public, so that friends, neighbors and work associates could inform the court of any obvious misstatements. Such disclosure should, of course, be balanced with the privacy interests of the jurors, but the judge in the civil case seems to be striking the balance against the public's right to know.

All in all, it will be even harder to assure an unbiased jury in the civil case than it was in the criminal case. And what is most dangerous to democracy is that the public will not be able to make an informed decision as to whether justice has been done in this divisive and controversial case.

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



"DIDN'T IT GIVE YOU THE WARM FUZZIES TO FINALLY SEE DEMOCRACY TAKE A HOLD HERE IN BOSNIA??"

The pros and cons of sex segregation

BY STEPHANIE GUTMANN

The sun is still struggling to cut through early morning haze, but in front of a nondescript commercial building in Spanish Harlem, New York's raffish press corps is already hunkered down in one of its ad hoc tent cities, staking out turf with snakes of black video cable, thickets of light poles and TV anchors rehearsing "standups" wherever they can find a piece of open pavement.

This morning the battery of electronic recording equipment is trained — not on the "walking" of a "perp" — but on a procession of 12- and 13-year-old girls in navy blue kneesocks and knife-pleated kilts. The girls are hurrying into the building for the first day of the inaugural semester of the Young Women's Leadership School of East Harlem, a small, private academy-style junior high — and New York City's first single-sex public school in a decade.

Something about a cluster of reporters around a school door, lenses trained on brown, still-gawky limbs, evokes grainy newsreels from the days of school desegregation. But, while the scene looks vaguely familiar, the general players have shifted position. For the beaming parents in attendance — mostly black and Hispanic — the new school is a chance to get their girls a decent education. For the New York Civil Liberties Union, the National Organization for Women and others, however, it is a new manifestation of discrimination and segregation — and they are shuffling through a variety of legal remedies to, in effect, shut it down.

WAITING LIST

Talk of a possible injunction against the school last July didn't stop Winsome McDermott, a 35-year-old single Bronx mother of two, from pushing to get her 11-year-old daughter Dania on YWLS's wait list. (Some of the places are offered to children outside of YWLS's East Harlem school district.) Even once a place opened up, admission was by no means automatic. Transcripts had to be collected, recommendations solicited. Dania was taken for pre-admission interviews and testing — and McDermott had to ask for time off from her work at a local "job-readiness" program. Then, once Dania was accepted, her mother spent \$300 for her school uniform. Still, McDermott has no regrets.

"My choices were to send her to the neighborhood school, which academically wouldn't do her any good, or send her to this school where I know she'll get a better education. Its premise is that it is a college prep school, and I think it will challenge the young girls and push them in a college direction."

The school's incendiary commitment to single-sex education was, if anything, even more appealing. McDermott attended an all-girls high school back in the '70s before the city phased them out, and getting Dania into this one was "a relief."

"There have been studies

done proving girls fare better in single-sex school, and particularly at their age group, with puberty, you're really conscious about your body and it's good to be in an environment where you don't feel extra self-conscious because you have boys around."

GENDER BIAS

But it is precisely the school's "no boys" policy that disturbs organizations like the NYCLU, the New York chapter of NOW and the New York Civil Rights Coalition, which have gotten together to file a sex-discrimination complaint with the Department of Education. While they wait the four to six months it could take the feds to act, they are hoping to attract a male defendant so they can take the case to court. The school must agree to admit boys, the coalition argues, and engage in "outreach to the community" to let people know it has changed its policy. NYCLU Director Norman Siegel also suggests a new "gender neutral" name — something like the Susan B. Anthony Leadership School.

But sex segregation, like school vouchers, is a culturally conservative remedy increasingly popular with embattled minorities, however objectionable it may be to many white liberals.

According to Janet Gallagher, director of the Women's Rights Project for the American Civil Liberties Union, which is acting as a consultant to the NYCLU on this case, the Harlem girls school is objectionable because it fosters "generalizations and stereotypes based on gender." The idea that girls and boys inevitably distract each other is, Gallagher says, an "enormously dangerous" presumption, one that reminds her of her days in Catholic school, where girls were encouraged to think of themselves as "walking occasions of sin."

Meanwhile, the school — incorrect thinking about immutable sex differences and all — seems to have touched a responsive chord among parents of school-age children all over the city. It has a waiting list of about 100 girls, and school organizers say they've been getting calls and letters from parents of fourth-graders and fifth-graders trying to secure places many years in advance.

The Young Women's Leadership School case is not the first time that New York civil rights activists have found themselves in an ironic relationship to the working-class blacks and Hispanic families for whom they've long been advocates. In 1993, the organization threatened to file a complaint of church-public school entanglement over the "Adopt-a-School program," in which a group of

Harlem ministers served as mentors in neighborhood schools, placing themselves on call for anything from counseling to signing report cards. And in 1991, it held press conferences and churned out letters to protest the proposed Ujamaa Institute, a male-only school based on the idea that young black boys are an especially vulnerable group and could profit by a respite from the matriarchal worlds of single-mother homes and female-dominated schools and churches.

TRADITION

But sex segregation, like school vouchers, is a culturally conservative remedy increasingly popular with embattled minorities, however objectionable it may be to many white liberals. Sex separatism — as seen in the Million Man March and in the many men-only groups in New York City churches — "is part of our tradition," argues Madeleine Moore, president of the New York City Coalition of 100 Black Women, one of the community groups on YWLS's advisory board. "It is a good thing that we are getting back to things that worked." Moore calls Norman Siegel's vision of combating sexual tension in co-ed classrooms with bureaucratic intervention the suggests "a comprehensive plan" by the Board of Education to "ameliorate the dynamic," including "training and monitoring the teachers to assure that the boys and girls are treated equally") "naivete, a luxury of the ruling class."

As for Winsome McDermott, she'd like to talk to the folks at NOW and company parent to parent. "I'm wondering: Do they send their kids to private school? I'm sure their children go to good schools, and I'm sure they made every effort they could possibly do to provide that. The public school system is very bad. YWLS is a small step in the right direction. This is absolutists leading people like me who don't have money for private schools."

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SUNDAY COMICS

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G. B. TRUDEAU

Panel 1: A man says "MEH!" while looking at a woman. Panel 2: A man says "I SAID MEH!" and a woman replies "YEAH, WELL, HOLD YOUR HORSES." Panel 3: A man says "I'M HANGING FOR A MOMENT HERE, BUT I'VE GOT TO GO TO THE COURTROOM. I'VE GOT TO GO TO THE COURTROOM. I'VE GOT TO GO TO THE COURTROOM." Panel 4: A man says "I JUST WANTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT I'M HANGING SOME MORE COUNCILS IN THE ROOM. THIS WILL, FOR EXAMPLE, BE USING MY TALL HAIR AND WEARING GLASSES." Panel 5: A man says "ALMOST AS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WE'RE OPERATING OUR COURTROOM, WE'VE HAD TO MAKE SURE WE'VE GOT THE FUND OF SERVICE, RESPECT, COURTESY AND HONORARY OFFICERS." Panel 6: A man says "I'M DOING IT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE." Panel 7: A man says "PRINCIPLE? HOW CAN IT BE PRINCIPLE? YOU'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS!" Panel 8: A man says "I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS!" Panel 9: A man says "SERIOUSLY, ANYONE WHO'S BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS IS A MURDERER." Panel 10: A man says "SERIOUSLY, ANYONE WHO'S BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS IS A MURDERER."

PEANUTS

by CHARLIE

Panel 1: A boy says "WHEN WE GET IN THE COURTROOM, I'D LIKE TO SIT AT THE TABLE WITH YOU." Panel 2: A boy says "THIS IS GREAT. I CAN SEE THE JUDGE AND EVERYBODY." Panel 3: A boy says "MAKING A FEW LAST MINUTE NOTES, HUH?" Panel 4: A boy says "I ALWAYS COLOR THE SKY BLUE." Panel 5: A boy says "I SUPPOSE AN ATTORNEY LEARNS TO BE WELL PREPARED BEFORE THE TRIAL BEGINS."

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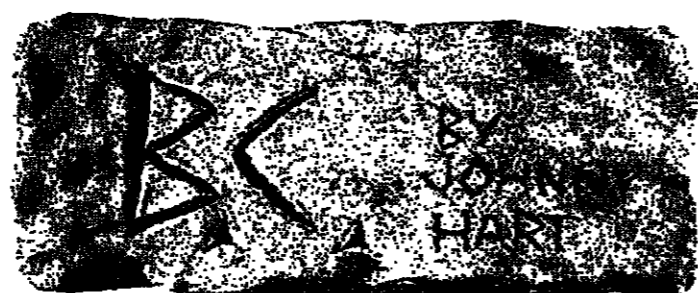
By JERRY MCKEN

Panel 1: A man says "YOU HAVING HUNGER PANGS?" Panel 2: A man says "NO." Panel 3: A man says "RIGHT PANGS." Panel 4: A man says "SO... WHERE DO YOU WANT TO EAT?" Panel 5: A man says "I DON'T KNOW." Panel 6: A man says "IT'S A TOUGH CHOICE." Panel 7: A man says "HOW HARD COULD IT BE?" Panel 8: A man says "JUST MAKE UP YOUR MIND." Panel 9: A man says "EITHER FISH OR CUT BAIT." Panel 10: A man says "THAT'S THE PROBLEM." Panel 11: A man says "SEAFOOD." Panel 12: A man says "SUSHI."

Calvin and Hobbes

by BILLY WINTER

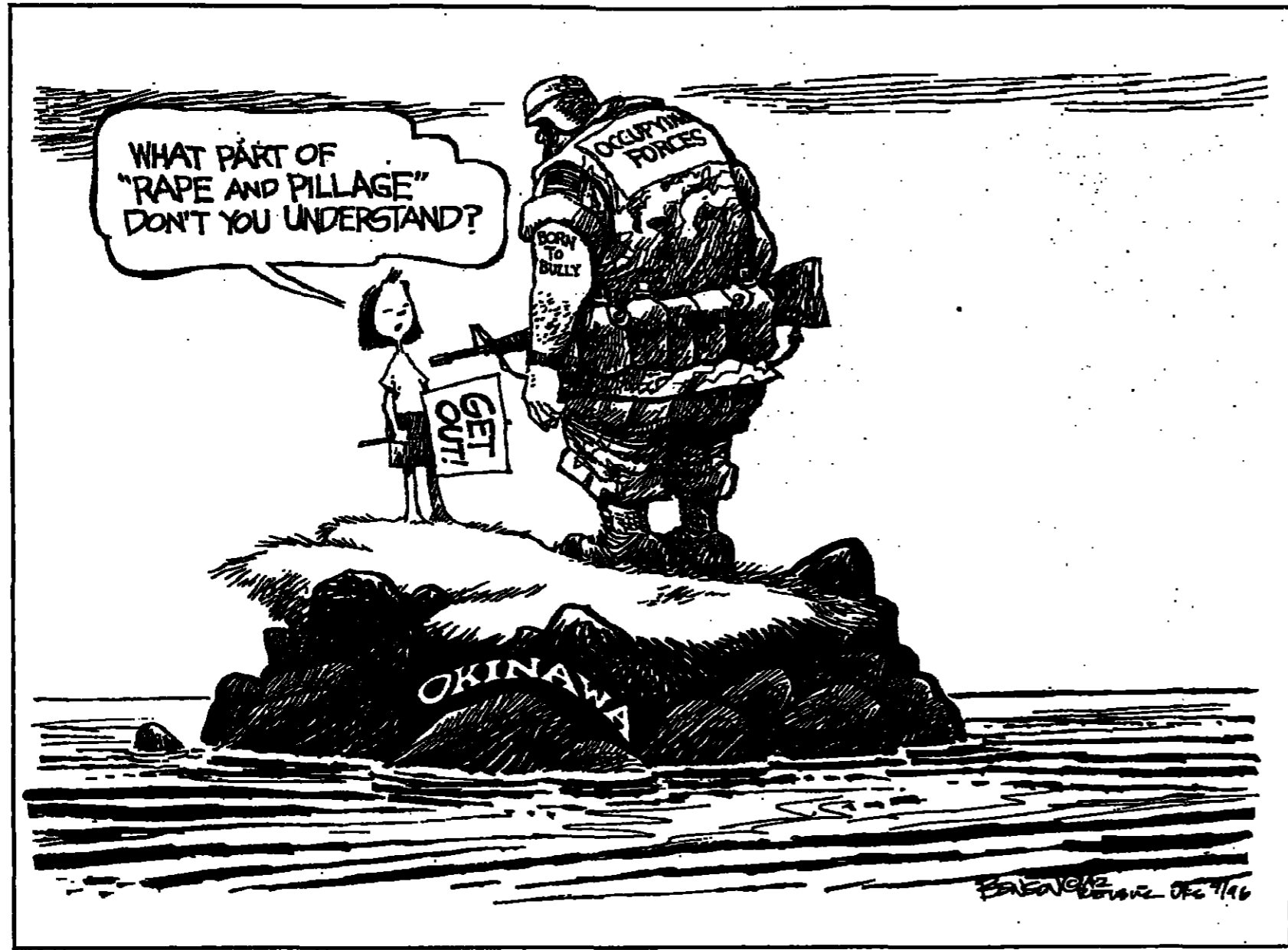
Panel 1: Calvin says "SO IF YOU CAPTURE THE OTHER GUY'S FLAG AND MAKE IT BACK TO YOUR TERRITORY, YOU WIN." Panel 2: Hobbes says "WIN WHAT?" Panel 3: Calvin says "THE GAME." Panel 4: Hobbes says "NO LUGGAGE? NO TONGER OVEN?" Panel 5: Calvin says "WELL, YOU CAN'T HIDE YOUR FLAG IN A TREE! IT'S TOO HARD TO CAPTURE!" Panel 6: Hobbes says "THAT'S NOT A RULE. I CAN HIDE MY FLAG ANYWHERE!" Panel 7: Calvin says "WELL, IT'S A RULE NOW! FROM NOW ON, NO FLAGS IN TREES!" Panel 8: Hobbes says "OK, BUT I JUST TAGGED YOU, SO YOU HAVE TO GO TO JAIL." Panel 9: Calvin says "WHAT? IT'S A TIME OUT! I WAS MAKING A NEW RULE!" Panel 10: Hobbes says "YOU DON'T OFFICIALLY CALL A TIME OUT. OFF TO JAIL WITH YOU!" Panel 11: Calvin says "FORGET IT! FROM NOW ON, IF YOU'RE DISCUSSING A NEW RULE, IT'S AUTOMATICALLY A TIME OUT." Panel 12: Calvin says "OK, TIME IN! TAG!" Panel 13: Hobbes says "YOU CAN'T DO THAT! WE HAVE TO STAY TOGETHER!" Panel 14: Calvin says "SINCE WHEN? YOU'RE JUST CHANGING THE RULES SO YOU'LL WIN!" Panel 15: Hobbes says "I AM NOW! I'M JUST TRYING TO KEEP YOU FROM CHEATING!" Panel 16: Calvin says "JUST A MINUTE, HUH? ARE YOU CALLING ME A CHEATER?" Panel 17: Hobbes says "WELL, WHO'S A NIFFIN HEAD?" Panel 18: Calvin says "HMM." Panel 19: Hobbes says "HMM." Panel 20: Calvin says "NO WAY, BUDDY. I KNOW ALL ABOUT THOSE 'INTEREST-FREE BANK LOANS' TO YOURSELF!"



TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

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Afghanistan's 'saviors' offer a bleak future

BY ANDREW MEIER

One sweltering morning in July, the Taliban upped the ante. Few in Afghanistan doubted the zeal of these fundamentalist rebels in bringing Sharia, old-time Islamic law in its most unforgiving form, to the lands they control. But this time the Taliban, whose name translates as "religious students," outdid themselves. Shortly after dawn prayers, the mullahs in the southern city of Qandahar summoned the populace. Nearly 6,000 witnesses gathered outside the central mosque. A few days earlier, a woman and her stepson, both in their 20s, had been arrested for adultery. Down the road at the Taliban's district court the mullahs had found them guilty and, for the first time in modern Afghan history, issued a sentence of death by stoning.

The Taliban's first execution of a woman went exceedingly well. No one interfered, and hundreds joined in. The convicted lovers died slowly, witnesses say, in unbearable and unsightly pain. The mullahs have become proficient at this sort of thing. Executions, if not stonings, are routine, and amputations, usually for petty thievery, are even more common.

Not since 1979, when the Ayatollah reared his revolution in Iran, has such a potent reactionary force taken hold in this volatile region. Not since the Soviets invaded Afghanistan that same year has the West faced a more ominous specter there, for the Taliban threaten to fill in a 2,000-mile front of enemy stretching from Iraq to Afghanistan. Thanks to the Taliban, the site of the cold war's last great stand-off — where "freedom fighters" backed by the United States wrangled with a Soviet army desperate to hold on to the last remnants of its empire — is in danger of devolving into what one local aid worker calls "the most fundamentalist place on earth."

The insurgency first emerged in late 1994, promising to save Afghanistan from the factionalist chaos of its post-Soviet period. From Qandahar the Taliban swept across southern Afghanistan, taking the northwestern city of Herat without a shot and caravaning to the southern edge of Kabul. There they have camped out, launching rockets on the city daily since last November. This month, they seized the eastern city of Jalabad, one of the last Afghan cities to maintain an independent government and the all-important gateway to Pakistan.

Their goal, as one mullah — the police chief of Qandahar — told me, is simply "to bring a good Islamic state" to Afghanistan.

Never mind that Burnahuddin Rabbani and his government, the victors in the 12-year war against the Soviets, think they have installed an Islamic state already. The emphasis is on "good." For Talibs, Islamic law comes in only one form: the strictest. And so in Qandahar the rules are simple. No music. No television. No women in the workplace. No women in the home — unless it's their own. No women on the street — unless enshrouded in the burkha.

The ban on TV and music is made obvious by the twin "TV Towers," as the locals call them. At a main intersection downtown, a dozen shattered TVs wrapped in tape gutted from video and music cassettes hang from poles about twenty feet high on either side of the dirt road. In May, UNICEF tried to start a nursing training center in Qandahar. The mullahs soon closed it down. "Our women shouldn't work," explains Mullah Baluch, the "health minister" whose sole claim to medical expertise is his uncanny ability to lop off hands and feet. "And Western men shouldn't look at them."

In Qandahar's mosques the mullahs gather long before dawn each day, led by Mohammed Omar, the one-eyed head mullah. Earlier this year, Omar called together the Taliban's ruling council to witness a great drama. Omar, who is all of 35, unlocked the holiest shrine inside the central mosque, cloaked himself in the purported shroud of Mohammed, fell to his knees before his awed fellow mullahs and at last emerged in the light to crown himself the "Amir Muminin," the "King of All Muslims."

The news was too much for the folks in Kabul. "How can anyone dare call himself the Amir?" asks Ahmed Shah Massoud, who controls Kabul and the northeastern provinces held by the Rabbani government. As he takes tea in Istalef, a remote mountain village forty minutes from Kabul, Massoud, who is in his 40s, remains confident and composed despite the Taliban's ceaseless rocketing of Kabul. "How can anyone believe what he says? To claim to be the Amir is to claim to govern all the Islamic people of the world, the Algerians, the Iranians, the Saudis — these people do not look lightly at such a claim."

If all goes well, according to Allah's plan, the Taliban will soon reach their Mecca, seize Kabul, subjugate the multiplying factions and rule over a "good Islamic state" deeply hostile to the West. Ironically, when the Taliban first came to prominence, many Western diplomats and journalists greeted them as Afghanistan's saviors. Here at last was a pliant political movement that could cleanse Afghanistan of the degenerate

mujahedin and even promise to wipe out the narcotics trade. But, as a grizzled opium farmer in the Helmand Valley assures me, "These are no doves of peace. The Taliban are worse than the warlords. They'll only make more drugs, more terror and, of course, more war."

And the Taliban, the U.N. has learned by suffering a series of deadlocks and dead-end deals with them, is anything but cooperative with the international community. The most serious breach came in May when the Taliban hijacked a seventeen-truck convoy of wheat from the U.N.'s World Food Program. They unloaded the sacks into their own warehouse, padlocked it and refused to return the loot. The local Taliban governor would not talk to the U.N. After an embarrassing week of pleading, the U.N. agency heads secured a meeting with the governor. But, when they arrived at his residence, it was only to glimpse him driving out.

The powers that be in Qandahar do not like foreigners. They do not like the press. They do not like the U.N. They do not even like relief workers in their midst. As the Taliban are not terribly hospitable to the forlorn expatriates shipwrecked here, there is little entertainment in town.

There is, however, "Camp Qandahar," home to the UNHCR and extended family members from the scattered U.N. agencies. Along with a handful of assorted aid workers, the residents of Camp Qandahar anchor the entire foreign community in this Afghan backwater. They serve fresh pancakes in the morning, cold beer all night, and yearn to get out. They even have their own camp song (with lyrics by Bill from Phoenix, the U.N.'s humanitarian relief coordinator in southeastern Afghanistan). Sung to the tune of "Day-O," the chorus goes like this: "Come Mr. Taliban carry me to Mecca. One rocket, two rocket, three rocket, ho! Daylight come and the mullahs go home."

Bill from Phoenix might just be the best prophet in town. Two years after their sudden appearance, the Taliban have been unmasked. They are not the devout doves the West had so desperately hoped for. And between fertilizing the opium fields and exploiting the populace as executioners, the boys from the madrassas and their maternal mullahs offer only a bleak future on the barren Afghan steppes.

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After debates, Clinton to focus on Congress

BY ROBERT NOVAK

President Clinton's strategists say he will wait until the cycle of presidential debates is concluded before focusing his energies on the election of a Democratic Congress.

Even now, Clinton is spending more time than he formerly did boosting Democratic candidates (as in his most recent Illinois trip, when he lavished praise on the Democratic Senate candidate, Rep. Richard J. Durbin). But where the president goes and what he says remain geared to collecting electoral votes in his own race for re-election.

If Clinton is still comfortably ahead after the debates, he plans to readjust his campaign schedule to concentrate on pivotal Senate and House races affecting control of Congress rather than important presidential states. But he will not make a personal plea to elect Democrats, as president Ronald Reagan did in 1986 when he unsuccessfully appealed to voters to elect Republicans for "the Gipper."

SECRETARY MITCHELL?

Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell has moved to the top of President Clinton's list to be the next secretary of state as a new face in a contemplated second-term shakeup of the national security hierarchy.

Mitchell is privately but strongly backed by Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Clinton is a longtime admirer of Mitchell and does not blame him for his failure to bring peace to Northern Ireland and as the president's special envoy. Mitchell's principal rival for the State Department portfolio is UN Ambassador Madeleine Albright.

Tentative plans if Clinton is reelected: CIA Director John Deutch replacing Defense Secretary William Perry, who wants out; National Security Director Anthony Lake replacing Deutch; Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott replacing Lake.

SILENCE FROM FARRAKHAN

Jack Kemp has not heard a word from Louis Farrakhan in the nearly two weeks since the Republican vice presidential nominee called on the Nation of Islam leader to renounce anti-Semitism.

Longtime Jewish friends of Kemp's were outraged by his recent praise of Farrakhan's 1995 Million Man March on Washington. A few days later, Kemp issued his challenge to Farrakhan in a speech to Jewish leaders. Since there was no request for an apology, Kemp's advisers hoped that Farrakhan might open a dialogue, paving the way for Republican inroads among the millions of African Americans who support Farrakhan.

Instead, there has been only silence from Farrakhan. At first, it was thought that he was unaware of what was going on because he was on a visit to Jamaica. But Farrakhan is now believed to have returned to his Chicago headquarters.

RETREATING REPUBLICANS

House Republican leaders have informed disconsolate conservative activists that they have no intention of overriding the Senate's passage of President Clinton's Brady Bill extension, which denies gun ownership to people convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors.

Gun-owner groups claim this could have unintended consequences, such as keeping weapons out of the hands of parents who spank their children. Conservative action groups also complain that the bill's language appears to sanction gay marriages.

But House Republicans say they are sick of cleaning up the Senate's mess. Nor do they want to take the risk of appearing to condone domestic violence.

A CALL FROM DOLE

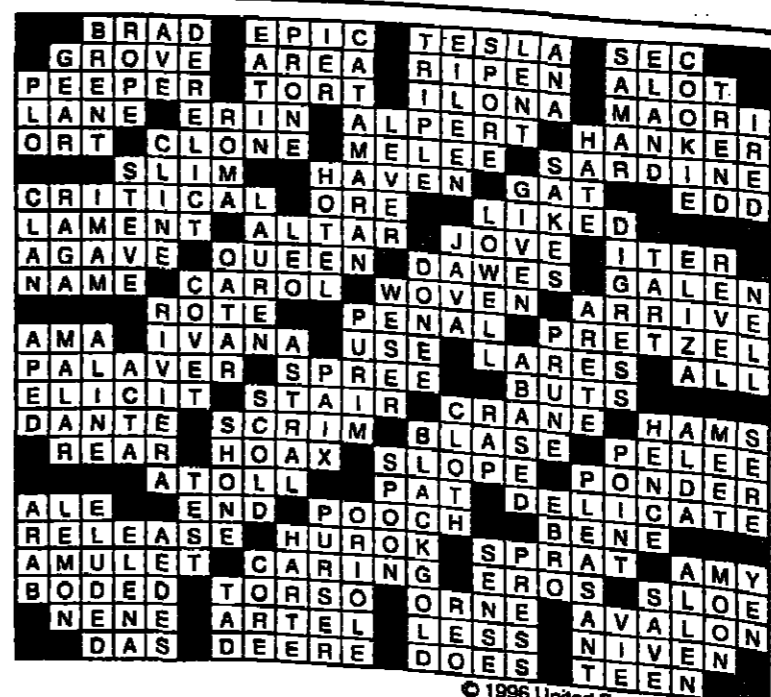
Shortly after Sen. Christopher Dodd finished his Democratic National Convention speech nominating Bill Clinton for another term as president, he received a complimentary telephone call from an unexpected source: Bob Dole.

The speech by Dodd, general chairman of the Democratic Party, had not spared Republican presidential nominee Dole. Nevertheless, Dole called his former Senate colleague to tell him what a stirring address he had delivered.

His gesture underscored that former senator Dole still belongs to the old school of senator who believe political adversaries can be friends. It also showed that he is a political junkie, who on a night off was watching the Democratic convention on television.

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Noah Dear, Mr. Brooklyn

He speaks in the local super-speedy staccato, but the councilman from Brooklyn has influence well beyond his borough. Amy Klein reports

THEY say that you can take a man out of Brooklyn but you can't take Brooklyn out of a man. For Noah Dear, the New York City councilman who is one of President Clinton's top fundraisers, with his heavy Brooklyn accent, bared connections and deep ties to Israel, Brooklyn is just what he needs to be.

For the past 15 years, Noah Dear has served as a Brooklyn councilman in the state legislature for the Boro Park and Flatbush district — "the largest Jewish community outside the State of Israel," he says.

Under the last Labor government, Brooklyn was dubbed a "hotbed of radicalism" by former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin after the Hebron massacre by Brooklyn-born Baruch Goldstein, and by US Consul General Colette Avital in *The New York Times* after the Rabin assassination.

"After the death of Rabin there was a lot of Orthodox-bashing. The community that I represent was particularly getting hit from all sides," says Dear. With the blessing of the White House, Dear met with Shimon Peres to convince him to "play a role in stopping the strife between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox."

In the meeting, Dear recalls, "I told Peres 'you're going to lose the election if you don't do anything to warm up to the Orthodox community.' But Peres was 20 points ahead, he probably laughed at me. Obviously, he didn't follow through."

Though nothing came out of the meeting on the Israeli side, Dear's opinions — a minority one at that time — strengthened his relationship with the White House when Labor lost reportedly for those reasons. Dear relates a conversation that he had with Vice President Al Gore the night before the Israeli elections: "I saw Al Gore at a meeting, I'm on my way to Israel, and he said, 'Who's going to win?' 'I said, 'I think it's over for

Labor. 'Oh come on,' Gore said, 'you've always been telling me that.'"

Dear speaks in a super-speedy staccato. Disjointedly, parenthetically, tangentially, like a Talmud teacher or Jackie Mason. Dear pronounces the vice president's name as *Goore* and other Brooklynisms like *soder* for soda. He comes across as the kind of guy one would want for a kid brother. Enthusiastic, affable, eager to be useful.

And useful is what he's been to President Clinton, who met with Dear after the Israeli elections to get Dear's opinion of the situation, and who recommended that the new prime minister meet with the councilman during his trip here last week. After the Likud victory, Dear had told Clinton that "he should not put pressure on Netanyahu like Bush and others have done in the past, because that could backfire." Dear is going to reiterate that same message to Clinton this week as a result of his meeting on Erev Yom Kippur with the prime minister.

AT A time when press reports categorize the Clinton-Netanyahu relationship as less than hunky-dory, one intention of last week's meeting was to convey the goodwill of the president and vice president. Dear relayed a personal message of support from the president and he is going to pass the message back to the White House that "Netanyahu doesn't believe that there is any animosity on the part of the United States, and he wants to continue with the peace process."

Not only is Dear an FOB (Friend of Bill) but he's also an FOB (Friend of Brooklyn). During the meeting Dear expressed the support of his community for Netanyahu: "There's a feeling of euphoria in the air in Brooklyn [about Netanyahu's victory]."

Dear also told Netanyahu that as long as the prime minister shows "the proper respect" to the

Orthodox community — in sharp contrast to his predecessor — he will be guaranteed their continued support. Dear thought Netanyahu was off to a good start, and he cites Ariel Sharon and Ehud Olmert as ideal examples. "Ehud Olmert is probably one of the first Israeli politicians to recognize the Orthodox community."

Dear characterizes the Orthodox community as an intricate transcontinental web: The rebbe of Vishnitz in Israel's son-in-law is the rabbi of Square Town in Monsey, New York. His grandchild married the Satmar rebbe (of Williamsburg)'s grandchild. The rebbe of Gur in Israel influences thousands of Gur Hassidim in Boro Park. None of the yeshivot in New York, he says, are going to go against Rabbi Schach.

And whether it's donating money for Judea and Samaria, sending their child to Israel for the year, or getting involved in business deals, most Orthodox Jews from his community have very close ties to Israel. "It's all one community," Dear says.

Dear wants to alleviate concerns about the Clinton-Netanyahu relationship. "There are rumors that the president has put the squeeze on Netanyahu. It's absolutely false," Dear says that fears that that could change after Clinton is re-elected are also unfounded. "It's not gonna happen for the very simple reason that Clinton will do everything in his power to see that Gore gets elected in the year 2000."

He says the meeting was successful. "I now can go back to the very same people, the supporters of Bill Clinton and Netanyahu, to assure them that they have nothing to worry about. The president is the same friend of Israel as he always has been."

But the main purpose of Dear's trip to Israel last week was to garner support — money and votes — from the Democrats in Israel for Clinton. To date, Dear has raised over \$1



US Vice President Al Gore (back center), and New York City Councilman Noah Dear (to his left) warm relations between the Clinton administration and the Orthodox bloc in Brooklyn.

million for the Clinton campaign, making him one of Clinton's top fund-raisers in the country. Dear raised the money from Orthodox Jews around the US.

He describes his backers: "All new people who have never given money to presidential campaigns, Democrats, Republicans, business people; from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Ohio, California, Illinois."

IT WAS at a crucial time in the Clinton campaign that Dear started fundraising for him: the Democrats had just lost in Congress and Clinton was slipping in the polls. "I met with Clinton and Gore when no one was going to come near them," says Dear. "I felt that there's never been a president who is a friend of the Jews as this president."

Dear says that his relationship with the president and vice president is about more than just fundraising. "It's real friendship. We hit it off somehow."

He tells a story of when Hillary Clinton was going to be called to testify on Whitewater last year.

Dear had passed Clinton a note quoting the talmudic passage that says that it's better to be pursued than to pursue.

At the National Prayer Breakfast a few days later, Clinton mentioned it in his speech: "A few days ago I got a letter from a devout Jew, a friend of mine and the vice president, that it's better to endure pain than to inflict pain." When Dear saw Clinton later that week, Clinton asked him, "Did you see that I said?"

One can almost picture these two cheerful, spiritual men getting along. Dear is a short man with a trim graying beard with a black knitted kippa; he wears smart business suits. Though he looks slightly out of place either standing with the towering president and vice president or sitting with the long, white-bearded rabbi clad in Hassidic garb, he has managed to bring the two groups together. Dear hosted the vice president in his house in Brooklyn to meet with various rabbis from the Orthodox community.

Dear explains his unique tie with the White House: "They have a

good relationship with the general Jewish community. It's the Orthodox community they had no relationship with." When Gore is in New York, Dear arranges for him to meet with different Orthodox groups, such as the National Council of Young Israel and Agudat Yisrael.

Dear states his mandate: "My goal is to heighten the awareness of the Jewish [Orthodox] community's significance not only in the United States."

DEAR HAS worked as city councilman since 1982 where he now represents about 150,000 constituents. Though he works on many "Jewish" issues such as breaking the kosher-for-Pessah food price hikes, trying to create affordable housing in his district for large families, and trying to get the White House to grant private schools (yeshivot and Catholic schools) state support, over the last 14 years Dear was involved in local politics: bringing money to his district to repair the streets, the playgrounds, the police force.

He also serves as the chairman of the powerful "Transportation

Committee," which governs issues of buses, cabs, subways, highways and parking.

"My greatest strength is that I am there and available to help my constituents," says Dear. His current slot as top fundraiser to Clinton helps: "What I hope to get, and what I'm getting already is access to the White House to be helpful to the Jewish community." But Dear's involvement with Washington goes farther than that: his sights are set on a seat in Congress.

In 1998, Congressman Chuck Schumer's term will be up. (Schumer's seat will be up for grabs as he goes for governor or the Senate in a game of political musical chairs.) Another possible contender for the seat — which may prove problematic for Dear — is State Assemblyman Dov Hikind.

Hikind, too, is an Orthodox, pro-Israel Democrat who entered politics the same time as Dear. Dear paints himself as more of a moderate than Hikind; Hikind says "I call them as I see them." Before the Israeli elections, Hikind made a splash in the press protesting that Bill Clinton was "Peres's Campaign Manager."

When Dear's name is put forth Hikind says, "We all have our own considerations. I do whatever is good for the Jewish people; that's why I supported [Mayor] Giuliani [who is pro-Israel] while Dear supported Dimkins."

A head-to-head congressional race between these two Orthodox candidates may only serve to help other candidates by dividing the Jewish vote. Hikind says that the result will be hard to predict since the district will be redistricted next year before the elections, though 60-80% of the population will be Jews. Hikind intends on running for Congress regardless of Dear's intentions. "It will make the race more exciting," he says.

Though Dear will not announce anything officially until after the presidential elections, he seems confident about his chances: "I didn't open an account yet. But the million dollars that I raised [for Clinton] everyone said to me, 'Noah, I want to give you as well,'" says Dear. And since the campaign will be during the "next" Clinton administration, it would be a great payback time for Dear.

"There's a joke that goes around," Dear says. "When the vice president came to my home, I said that I wanted to start a campaign for 'Gore/Dear 2000.' Gore was happy that it wasn't 'Dear/Gore 2000.'"

Ultimate husbandry: Two men and a farm to run

PHYLLIS FANG

YUMPHATI Negi is a 35-year-old mother of seven and a traditional housewife in the remote village of Batseri in northern India, where she takes care of the cooking, cleaning and cultivation of land.

But she also has an added task: she must provide for two husbands. Yumphati Negi practices a unique system of polyandry where a woman is married to more than one husband, always brothers from the same family.

"I am happy with the system. It's good. I have no regrets about it," she says with a shy smile. "But the hard work is definitely there. I have given birth to 12 children, but five died."

The practice of polyandry was adopted almost 5,000 years ago by tribal people who first settled in the district of Kinnaur, a mountainous, forested region in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

Genealogies even trace the descendants here to the legendary Pandavas, a heroic clan from the celebrated Mahabharata epic of five brothers, all of whom married the

same princess, Draupadi.

In Batseri, wooden houses cluster a deep valley where only 25 percent of the land is cultivable. Land has long been precious, so keeping it all under one roof and controlling the population was necessary.

Marrying all the sons in the family to one woman was the solution. Flipping unleavened bread over a fire, Yumphati prepares a simple meal of pulses for her husbands, 32-year-old Lalchand and his younger brother, Hilal, both waiting on the porch to be served.

"When one husband is away, the other brother can take care of the family," said Lalchand sitting next to Hilal. The brothers, both carpenters, agree that a marriage like this one has its advantages.

But Hilal, only 25, admits he once had thoughts of breaking away from the old ways. "I see other people having single marriages and I thought I wanted that," says Hilal. "But I am already married. What can

I do? We have seven children, we have to live together."

The three have married for about 10 years, with Lalchand marrying first and his younger brother sometime later. They do not recall the dates, however. It is not clear how many of the seven children belong to Hilal, but he treats all the children alike. He would not talk about how he and Lalchand spend intimate time with their wife, but villagers said, traditionally, men saw their wives on a monthly rotation system to identify the father of each child more easily.

Ten years ago, Batseri was isolated from the rest of the country. Today, satellite dishes dot the rooftops of Batseri, exposing the 700 villagers to outside ideas.

"Polyandry is very wrong," says Namrand Negi, a 20-year-old who grew up in a family of three fathers, one mother and five siblings. "It's not good for two or three brothers to share a woman. One will want to dominate and that is not good for the woman."

Namrand, walking hand-in-hand with his 16-year-old wife and childhood sweetheart, carefully inspects green apples from his father's orchard that has brought them economic independence.

"We make close to \$1,800 a season from selling apples," says Namrand. With each plot of land earning enough to support more people, pressure to keep the family land together has begun to diminish.

Even the former village head for the past 18 years, Suraj Singh Negi, is now a wealthy apple grower. During his tenure, Suraj saw the tribal customs slowly peter out.

"Girls and boys are becoming more and more educated and in a modern society they don't want polyandry to exist," he says. "I want these traditions to exist, but tribals should keep their own identity."

Today, only 10 percent of families in Batseri practice polyandry and the trend in neighboring villages is also declining.

"The younger generation doesn't want to be different," laments Suraj. "The future of polyandry is bleak." (Reuter)

Cats mark the spot

HEADS 'N' TAILS D'VORA BEN SHAUL

WHEN a cat greets a person — or another animal for that matter — by winding itself around his legs and rubbing its face against him, humans most often see this as a mark of affection. While some affection is definitely a component of this behavior, this complicated act is more one of possession or territoriality than affection.

A cat also will often rub its face and body against a piece of furniture. In fact, I once had a refrigerator with a small dark streak just at the height of the cat's face that was caused by daily rubbings against it. This behavior is one of territorial marking.

A cat has scent glands located just below its cheek bones, on the lip and the chin and at the base of the tail. Rubbing these parts of the body against an object marks it as its own and this explains the rubbing of the face and the winding about that brings the tail-base gland into contact with the object.

Whether the object rubbed is another cat, a favorite basket, a refrigerator door or a person, the object of the exercise is the same. My own cats routinely "mark" my dog!

In addition to using these glands, unneutered male cats also spray urine to mark territory or possessions; this habit is what makes it so difficult to keep an unneutered male in the house since a real tom's urine has an odor almost as offensive as the scent produced by a skunk. After a tom has been neutered, this smelly deposit will persist for a few weeks until all the excess testosterone is flushed out of his system and then it will disappear.

Unneutered toms also mark the boundaries of their property with urine, thus leaving a message to all other prowling toms that this is private property. Whenever a tom wants to expand his territory in the neighborhood, he first places his scent over that of the rival on territorial markers and only then goes out to battle for the space.

A few females cats, particularly those on contraceptive hormones, also try to mark territory in this fashion, but while the habit is socially undesirable at least it doesn't smell as does that of a tom. If it becomes too bad, it might be desirable simply to spay her instead of continuing with hormonal treatments. The problem will disappear almost at once.

For male cats, however, territorial marking is an important survival factor. Cats' usually mutually respected markers prevent a multitude of cat fights since only when under real pressure will an adult tom go to battle over the territory; usually they only do so when a particularly desirable female could be gained.

Cat fights are usually quite vicious when they do happen (most encounters are settled by mutual bluffing through caterwauling and hair erection to make the potential combatants appear larger). In almost every real fight one or both of the males is seriously and even critically injured. Territorial markings are a vital factor in preventing this.

MSF doctors still make housecalls — internationally

THE day her youngest child graduated from high school, French anesthetist Mado Boyer told her family she wanted to devote herself to relief work. She joined Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) (Doctors Without Borders), a relief group founded in France in 1971, which now has branches in 20 nations.

Over the last eight years, she has been to the world's worst trouble spots — Somalia, Bosnia, Rwanda. "I go on a mission three times a year on average, sometimes at 24 hours' notice," Boyer, 62, told Reuters on her return from Burundi. "Thank God, my husband is wonderfully understanding."

Approaching its 25th birthday, the organization has transformed relief action from the preserve of slow, cumbersome institutions, to a field full of adaptable bodies that focus on emergencies. It traces its roots to the public and medical outrage provoked in France and elsewhere by the horrific images of starving children flashed around the world at the end of the Biafran war in Nigeria in 1970.

White volunteers remain plentiful. MSF's anniversary, in December, will be less an occasion for celebration or self-congratulation than an opportunity for the famous "French doctors" to reflect on the evolution of humanitarian action over the last two decades. "There is a lot of concern and questioning among relief agencies, especially at MSF, about manipulation of the positive image of humanitarian action to mark political inaction," Rony Brauman, MSF's ex-president, told Reuters.

In 1994, more than one million people were killed in Rwanda in a massacre described as genocide.

Yet UN troops were reduced from 2,500 to 270 weeks after the massacres began. After a world outcry, France sent troops with a humanitarian mandate to protect refugees, and the action of MSF in refugee camps in Zaire and Tanzania drew international sympathy. But it came too late for nearly a million victims. MSF and the International Red Cross denounced the way relief action was used as "a media screen for the absolute abdication of the international community," as Brauman put it.

He is worried that relief agencies, long exploited by local authorities and parties in conflicts, have come to blur responsibility for humanitarian disasters in the public's mind. The media focus on MSF's success in eradicating a cholera epidemic in Rwandan refugee camps epitomized this phenomenon. "Showing victims of the epidemic only was a way of eluding all political responsibility: the genocide was obliterated since everyone was a victim of the disease, murderers and victims alike," Brauman said. "We lapsed into sentimental pornography, it was a very painful experience for MSF," he added.

HUMANITARIAN action has never been so widespread and popular as today. The international community has shown more interest in it in the last five years than ever before. In 1991, both the European Commission for Humanitarian Operations (ECHO) with a 4.4 billion French franc (\$864.2 million) budget and the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs were created. Even Asia is waking up to relief action with an increase in donations and volunteers from countries such as Japan

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and Hong Kong, according to MSF.

The popularity of relief action, and of MSF in particular, soared in 1991 with an unparalleled emergency relief operation in Kurdistan with 150 staff, 57 planes and 2,000 tonnes of equipment. MSF had been the first relief agency to react to the war in Somalia, which triggered a famine that year, and was very active later in the Gulf crisis and the war in ex-Yugoslavia. The organization became the darling of the media and Brauman was a frequent interview guest. "After so much confusion, it is vital to shake off the impunity that humanitarian action has been enjoying for too long and to rediscover a capacity for self-criticism," Brauman said.

Relief action is not about naive idealism. Non-government organizations are players on the international stage and need to clarify their role, said MSF president Philippe Biberon. "Relief action is no solution to problems that require a political or military solution," Biberon said. "After a period when humanitarian action can achieve what was overrated," he said, "it has to return to what it can do well, which is to save lives. True, we try to raise world awareness about the suffering of some peoples. True, we denounce the action of some governments. But our purpose is not political," Biberon added. "We only defend the principles our action rests upon."

Financial independence is vital to MSF's action. "Since Kurdistan in 1991 [a mission almost entirely financed by the European Community], we have been careful not to depend on any institutional donor in particular,"

Biberon said. Institutional funds made up 40 per cent of MSF's budget of 352 million francs (\$69.14 million) last year. The EC contribution was one-fifth.

Ultimately, MSF has the right not to intervene. "There is no such thing as a duty to intervene," said Brauman, contradicting another of the movement's founders, former French humanitarian action minister Bernard Kouchner. "In Ethiopia, in Somalia and in Rwanda, the choice was less whether or not to save endangered lives than whether or not to reinforce death machines," said Brauman. In

November 1994, MSF withdrew from the Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire and Tanzania, arguing they had become strongholds of the militias responsible for the genocide. MSF was also the first relief organization to openly criticize a government when, in 1985, it condemned the Ethiopian authorities for driving a displaced population to starvation. "On the ground, we volunteers can't help wondering sometimes — as in Somalia — where the politicians are and what we are doing there," Boyer said. "All we can do is tell people back home what we witnessed." (Reuter)

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Leaner Jordan hungry for another title

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan says his one-year contract with the Chicago Bulls does not mean there's only one year left in his career.

"I'll just take it year by year. As long as we're winning championships, I want to continue playing," Jordan told the Chicago Sun-Times in an interview published Friday.

"I want to win another championship. And I think we have an excellent opportunity to do so. We return all our key players, and we should be a better team from having played together a whole season. That alone makes you better."

Better than last season's NBA record 72 victories?

"We're definitely not going out with a goal of winning 73 games," Jordan said. "We didn't plan on winning 72 games last season. We actually go out to win every game. But it just so happened that things worked well for us and we ended up winning 72 games and setting the record."

"This season, I'd like to see us win at least 60 to 65 games."

And despite talk that Jordan, at age 33, was a step slower last season, he is aiming for his ninth NBA scoring title and wants no reduction in his playing time.

"I want my numbers to always be consistent because they make a statement in terms of the way I play," said Jordan, who averaged 30.4 points a game last season, down slightly from his career average of 32.

He averaged about 37 1/2 minutes a game last season. NBA games are 48 minutes in length.

"People are also going to be looking at my stats and judging whether I'm at the end of my career or whether I'm losing a step. So I take pride in being consistent in my numbers and contributing to the team success."

"I want my attitude and my work ethic to be basically the same, and I'd like to play the same minutes I've always played," Jordan said.

"I figure I'm going to be getting more minutes early because Scottie Pippen and Ron Harper are coming off injuries and may not be ready to contribute much early on. So I'm prepared to go the distance as long I have to."

He hopes to start the season weighing less than last year to improve his quickness and reduce the strain on his knees.

"He definitely did not work out this summer as much as he did last summer because his schedule was more hectic," Jordan's personal trainer, Tim Grover, told the Sun-Times. "But he's still worked out more than most players."

"We worked more on his lower body because it was his legs, as much as anything, that tired in the stretch run," Grover said. "He struggled with tendinitis in his knees and didn't show as much of that famous kick after chasing smaller, quicker and faster point guards all season."

"So this time, he'll try to have better legs by playing from five to eight points lighter. We decided that would help take stress off the knees."

LOS ANGELES - Ken Caminiti doubled home Steve Finley to snap a 10th-inning tie and the San Diego Padres added two more runs to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-2 in the first game of a three-game showdown for the National League West title Friday.

San Diego moved within one game of the first-place Dodgers, but must complete a sweep to win its first division title in 12 years.

Los Angeles needs only one win to assure its ninth division title. The Dodgers, however, assured themselves of at least a wild-card berth after Montreal lost to Atlanta. It will be the franchise's 21st post-season appearance.

"Great game. They battled, we battled," Dodgers manager Bill Russell said. "You could not ask for a better game. We're in. It's just a matter of wanting to win the division. We're going into tomorrow's game to win more than a wild card."

Caminiti, a leading Most Valuable Player candidate, led off the eighth with his 40th homer to forge a 2-2 tie and was 4-for-4 with a walk.

"It was a big game for me," said Caminiti. "This definitely was my best game of the year and most important."

Asked if he thought Caminiti enhanced his MVP chances, Padres manager Bruce Bochy said: "It certainly looked that way. It was quite a performance. He's the MVP in my eyes and I think he played that way tonight."

Reliever Tim Worrell (8-7) pitched a perfect ninth for the win. Trevor Hoffman worked a hitless 10th for his 40th save.

Reliever Antonio Osuna (9-6) took the loss.

Braves 6, Expos 4
John Smoltz set an Atlanta record with his 24th win as the visiting Braves dealt a blow to the Montreal Expos' playoff hopes.

Atlanta used seven pitchers and Montreal used eight, combining to tie the major league record for most pitchers in a nine-inning game, set on September 7, 1993 by St. Louis (8) and Cincinnati (7).

Smoltz (24-8), who allowed only an unearned run and three hits in five innings, surpassed Phil Niekro's mark of 23 wins in the 1969 season. The franchise record of 49 was set by John Clarkson in 1889, when the Braves were in Boston.

Giants 9, Rockies 3
Barry Bonds joined the 40-40 club and Rick Wildkins' three-run homer highlighted a seven-run seventh inning as visiting San Francisco won.

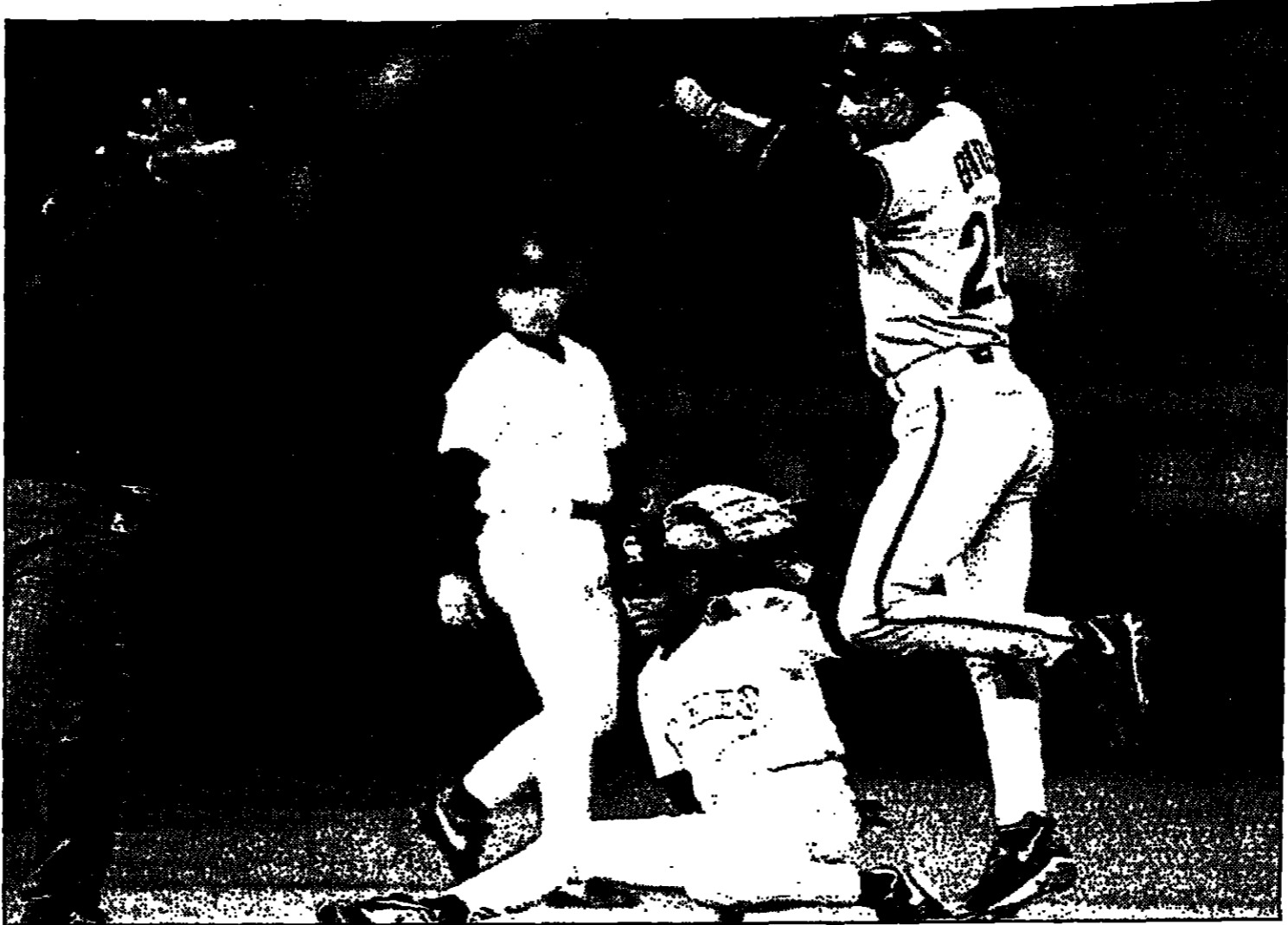
Bonds, who has 42 homers, stole his 40th base to join Jose Canseco as the only players in major league history to hit 40 homers and swipe 40 bases in the same season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE												
		W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away	x-first game was a win		
East Division												
x-Atlanta	96	65	.594	6	2-5-4	Won 1	58-25	39-40		1-1	5-7	2-1
Montreal	87	73	.544	6	2-5-4	Lost 1	49-29	38-44		0-1	4-7	0-1
Florida	80	80	.500	15	2-9-1	Won 7	52-29	28-51		0-1	4-7	0-1
New York	70	90	.438	25	3-7	Lost 3	41-38	29-52		0-1	4-7	0-1
Philadelphia	68	94	.413	29	5-5	Won 1	35-46	31-48		0-1	4-7	0-1
Central Division												
x-St. Louis	87	73	.544	-	2-7-3	Won 4	47-32	40-41		1-1	5-7	2-1
Cincinnati	80	80	.500	7	6-4	Lost 1	45-35	34-45		0-1	4-7	0-1
Houston	80	80	.500	7	2-8	Lost 1	45-33	34-47		0-1	4-7	0-1
Chicago	76	84	.475	11	2-8	Won 1	43-38	33-48		0-1	4-7	0-1
Pittsburgh	71	89	.444	16	2-6-4	Lost 1	36-44	35-45		0-1	4-7	0-1
West Division												
x-Los Angeles	90	70	.563	-	2-5-5	Lost 2	47-32	43-38		1-1	5-7	2-1
San Diego	88	71	.556	1	2-5-6	Won 1	45-36	44-35		1-1	5-7	2-1
Colorado	82	78	.513	8	3-7	Lost 1	54-25	28-53		0-1	4-7	0-1
San Francisco	67	93	.419	23	2-7-3	Won 2	38-44	29-49		0-1	4-7	0-1

x-cinched division tie y-cinched playoff berth z-first game was a win

Padres beat Dodgers in showdown opener

Bonds joins Canseco for 40-40 mark; Rangers clinch AL West



WELCOME TO THE CLUB - Barry Bonds steals his 40th base against Colorado's second baseman Nefi Perez to become to second player ever to join the 40-40 club.

Canseco had identical numbers for the Oakland Athletics in 1988.

The Rockies, who have lost five straight to the Giants, led 3-2 after six innings, but the bullpen couldn't hold the lead in relief of Armando Reynoso.

David Nied (0-2) failed to get an out in the seventh, allowing a single and two four-pitch walks that loaded the bases. Robbie Beckert provided little relief, walking home the tying and go-ahead runs before Glenallen Hill's sacrifice fly made it 5-3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Angels 4, Rangers 3 (15)
The Texas Rangers backed into their first postseason appearance despite losing.

Garret Anderson hit a two-run single - his sixth hit - in the top of the 15th for visiting California.

But the loss meant little to the Rangers, who had learned in the 13th inning that second-place Seattle had lost, giving Texas the AL West title.

The Rangers were in the field in 13th inning when the Mariners' loss was posted on the scoreboard down the left-field line.

The record crowd of 46,764 gave the team a standing ovation and the Rangers who were still in the dugout celebrated with handshakes and hugs.

AMERICAN LEAGUE												
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East Division												
x-New York	91	69	.569	-	2-5-5	Lost 2	49-31	42-38		1-1	5-7	2-1
Baltimore	87	73	.544	4	5-5	Lost 1	43-38	44-35		0-1	4-7	0-1
Boston	84	76	.525	7	2-7-3	Won 2	46-38	38-43		0-1	4-7	0-1
Toronto	73	87	.456	18	5-5	Won 1	34-45	39-42		0-1	4-7	0-1
Detroit	53	107	.331	38	2-8	Lost 4	27-52	26-55		0-1	4-7	0-1
Central Division												
x-Cleveland	98	61	.616	-	2-8-2	Lost 1	51-29	47-32		1-1	5-7	2-1
Chicago	85	75	.531	13	5-5	Won 1	44-37	41-38		0-1	4-7	0-1
Milwaukee	78	82	.488	20	2-8	Won 1	39-43	40-39		0-1	4-7	0-1
Minnesota	76	84	.475	22	2-8	Lost 5	37-43	39-41		0-1	4-7	0-1
Kansas City	74	85	.465	24	2-5-5	Won 2	36-42	38-43		0-1	4-7	0-1
West Division												
x-Texas	88	72	.550	-	4-6	Lost 1	48-31	40-41		1-1	5-7	2-1
Seattle	75	75	.500	13	2-8-2	Lost 2	45-38	41-37		0-1	4-7	0-1
Oakland	77	83	.481	11	2-6-4	Won 2	39-40	38-43		0-1	4-7	0-1
California	70	89	.440	17	5-5	Won 1	43-38	27-51		0-1	4-7	0-1

x-cinched division title z-first game was a win

Trailing by two, Dean Palmer homered in the bottom of the 15th to make it 4-3, but the Rangers stranded the tying run at second base. After Kurt Stillwell struck out looking for the final out, the Rangers came onto the field to salute their fans as fireworks exploded overhead.

White Sox 4, Twins 2
Ray Durham and Danny Tartabull homered as visiting Chicago stayed alive in the wild-card race.

The two homers gave Chicago a team-record 193 this season, one more than the White Sox hit in 1977. They also gave Alex Fernandez (16-10) his 10th victory in 12 career decisions against the Twins, who have lost five straight and 12 of 14.

Blue Jays 3, Orioles 2
The host Blue Jays prevented Baltimore from gaining a playoff berth, but the Orioles clinched at least a tie for the AL wild card when Seattle lost to Oakland a few hours later.

Baltimore can get the wild card by winning one of its last two games against the Blue Jays. The Mariners and Chicago White Sox must win their remaining games and hope the Orioles lose both of theirs to force a wild-card tie.

Roberto Alomar, Baltimore's leading hitter, was ejected in the first inning after arguing a called third strike by umpire John Hirschbeck. Baltimore manager Davey Johnson was unable to stop Alomar from spitting in Hirschbeck's face, an infraction that resulted in a five-game suspension.

Brady Anderson tied the Orioles' team record with his 49th homer.

Athletics 8, Mariners 1
The visiting Mariners stumbled again and put themselves on the verge of playoff elimination with their fifth loss in six games.

Dave Telgelder (4-7), pounded for five home runs in a loss to Seattle last week, held the Mariners in check this time. He pitched 6 2/3 shutout innings and struck out five, including Ken Griffey Jr. three times.

Red Sox 7, Yankees 5
Yankees manager Joe Torre's playoff pitching dilemma deepened when the host Red Sox hammered Dwight Gooden.

Torre was considering both Gooden and Jimmy Key as his possible starter for the Yankees' third playoff game next week behind Andy Pettitte and David Cone.

Before the game, Torre apparently was leaning toward Gooden to play against Texas.

But Gooden (11-7), making his first start at Fenway Park since losing Game 5 of the 1986 World Series with the New York Mets, allowed six runs and eight hits in five innings.

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Pittsburgh 7, Chicago 4 (10)
Chicago 10, Pittsburgh 9 (2nd)
Florida 3, Houston 2
Atlanta 6, Montreal 4
Philadelphia 6, New York 5
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 1 (11)
San Francisco 9, Colorado 3
San Diego 5, Los Angeles 1 (10)
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THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Cincinnati 12, Chicago 4
Houston 6, New York 2
Florida 7, Atlanta 1
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 1
San Francisco 6, Los Angeles 1
Only games scheduled

FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Boston 7, New York 5
Toronto 3, Baltimore 2
Kansas City 11, Cleveland 6
Chicago 4, Minnesota 2
Milwaukee 7, Detroit 6 (6, rain)
Oakland 8, Seattle 1
California 4, Texas 3 (15)

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Oakland 7, Seattle 5
Boston 5, New York 3
Baltimore 4, Toronto 1
Texas 6, California 5
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Bet. Jerusalem, Hap. PT maintain perfect records

BETAR Jerusalem and Hapoel Petah Tikva both won yesterday to remain the only two clubs atop the National League standings with perfect records.

Betar were only just good enough to overcome now-bottom club Maccabi Herzliya through a late goal by Eli Ohana at Teddy Stadium, while Hapoel Petah Tikva was far more convincing than city rivals Maccabi in the derby which also ended in a 1-0 scoreline.

Maccabi Tel Aviv is closing in on the leaders and now finds itself in more familiar territory in third place after yesterday evening's 3-1 win over Zefririm Holon.

Eyal Berkowitz made an emotional farewell speech before the start of his last match with Maccabi Haifa as he leaves for Southampton, but it was not enough to spur his side onto victory against Hapoel Beit She'an, which once again made things difficult for the Haifa fans as the match ended in a 1-1 draw at Kiryat Eliezer.

There was a little crowd trouble at the match between Hapoel Taiba and Hapoel Haifa in Netanya, but the fact that the hosts got the better of Haifa in the final minute of a very eventful match for a shock 3-2 win went a long way towards calming tempers among the fans of the newly promoted side.

Bet. Jerusalem 1

Mac. Herzliya 0

Betar held onto the league lead by the skin of its teeth, as Herzliya looked by far the more impressive side at Teddy Stadium.

Betar made a poor start against lowly Herzliya in a match everybody had thought it would have no trouble winning.

Izik Zohar hit the crossbar twice in the first half, on both occasions his free kick from 20 meters out was tantalizingly close to hitting the back of the net.

Stefan Saloi added another shot at the crossbar in the second half and it took the experience of veteran Eli Ohana to score a goal against the run of play in the 81st minute, when his shot from an acute angle was deflected into the goal of goalkeeper Shuli Gilardi.

Yesterday's showing by the league leaders Betar was not a good one, but the team appears to have taken a leaf out of Maccabi Tel Aviv's book and seems to be able to win - in the league at least - even when it is playing badly.

Hap. Petah Tikva 1

Mac. Petah Tikva 0

Hapoel kept its 100 percent league record and second place in the standings as it held the upper hand throughout the Petah Tikva derby.

The team duly translated that advantage onto the scoresheet in the 37th minute through a goal by Yaniv Ofri.

Hapoel continued to attack the Maccabi goal and was aided when referee Meir Levy sent off Sharon Tsoref towards the end of the match.

Hapoel's Manor Hassan, who was the outstanding player throughout the match, had another attempt to make sure of the result safe for Hapoel, but missed from close range at the end.

Zefririm Holon 1, Mac. TA 3

The champions ended comfortable winners even though Zefririm was rather better than the score-line suggests.

Alon Brumer snatched Tel Aviv's first goal. The second came in the 39th minute from a hard-driven cross by Ya'akov Hillel on the left corner of the Holon penalty area which was expertly guided into goal from the forehead of the

ORI LEWIS and DEREK FATTAL

Eli Driks. The Holonis responded by pressurizing Alexander Obarov's goal and reaped their reward in the final minute of the first half, when Oren Zeituni slammed the ball home on the rebound.

After the break, Maccabi regained control and Avi Nimni should have had the ball in the net but hammering meters over the bar after Driks had won possession in the box then laid the ball perfectly in Nimni's path.

Nimni - presently the subject of rumors of an imminent transfer to Europe - made amends in the 63rd minute. Driks lobbed the ball from the dead ball line on the right side of goal and this time Nimni controlled the ball before blasting it into goal to end Holon's hopes.

Mac. Haifa 1 Hapoel Beit She'an 1 Hapoel Beit She'an continued to jinx Giora Spiegel's men at Kiryat Eliezer in Eyal Berkowitz's final match in Maccabi colors.

The Jordan valley side packed defense and midfield to stifle Haifa's game, and aimed to surprise on the break.

The plan worked to perfection, bringing a goal in the 25th-minute goal for Hungarian Tibor Saloy who had been left unmarked in the area by the Maccabi defense.

The visitors' celebrations were cut short within a minute when the referee blew for foul committed on Maccabi's Hezi Sherazi by Ami Azouli in the Beit She'an area.

Sergei Kandourov is usually a safe bet from the penalty spot and made no bones about steering the ball past Meir Cohen to the relief of the Haifa supporters who made up the lion's share of the 8,000 crowd.

Three Haifa substitutions failed to change the complexion of the match significantly as Beit She'an continued to frustrate the home side. The best that Maccabi could muster was a Kandourov attempt from a free kick that landed on the top of the net in the 68th minute, and Hapoel goalkeeper Meir Cohen was forced to save from a powerful Ronny Levy header three minutes later.

In the 85th minute Berkowitz finally unlocked the Beit She'an defense but substitute Sabo Barras failed to end the move with a goal.

Late in the game Beit She'an was reduced to 10 men when Yehuda Amar was dismissed following the receipt of a second yellow card.

At the end of the match Spiegel was accompanied off the pitch with a small police escort to the jeers of the Haifa fans.

Hap. Taiba 3, Hap. Haifa 2 Taiba caused the upset of the afternoon in a match that had everything, including some tension in the stands.

Haifa was the favorite, and soon stamped its authority on the match when Ofer Talker scored in the second minute when he managed to get the ball away from the Taiba defense, run past two defenders and slot home past Mickey Daham in goal.

Taiba struggled to find its way, but somehow managed a break-away move in the 16th minute which allowed Rami Dahar to equalize. Haifa continued to hold the advantage for the rest of the half, but Daham was superb in the Taiba goal and averted further danger.

The hosts came out a transformed side in the second half, but again Haifa had a chance to go ahead soon after the restart when Reeven Atar was fouled by

Hassan Fad'uss in the area. Fad'uss was sent off, but Taibe survived when Daham made a brilliant save off Atar's penalty. At this stage some of the Taiba supporters became over-zealous and the police began to move in. They were calmed by Daham's save, however.

Nassim Akbaria put Taiba ahead in the 72nd minute to the delight of the 2,000 fans out of the 3,000 who watched the match played at Taiba's home ground in Netanya.

But the Taiba supporters' jubiliations were short-lived when Amir Turjeman equalized three minutes later.

Taiba desperately tried to gain a winning goal, and as in its first win of the season against Hapoel Beit She'an, the winner came in the final minute.

This time it was Menny Basson who got the winner after coming on as substitute in the 88th minute.

The surprising result left everybody stunned, but most importantly, the supporters worst fears were not realized and they made their way back to Taiba where the celebrations went on long into the night.

Bnei Yehuda 0

Hap. Beersebeba 2

The Hatikva Quarter faithful were subjected to a first hammering by Beersebeba. First Gadi Hazut struck a powerful free kick from 20 meters out to score the first goal. That free kick was awarded when Liron Bassis was fouled while making a break for the Bnei Yehuda goal. Bassis himself scored the second three minutes from the end when he beat the offside trap and slotted the ball under the helpless Liran Strauber.

It only got worse for Bnei Yehuda when Ronnen Adlan was sent off for dissent just before the first half whistle. Early in the sec-

ond half, referee Haim Ya'akov told Kobi Refuah to join Adlan for an early shower in the 51st minute after Refuah had made a rash tackle on a Beersebeba player.

Bearsheba itself was reduced to 10 men later in the match when Ido Adlan was also given his marching orders by the referee.

Hap. Tel Aviv 1

Hap. Jerusalem 1

The Tel Avivians did most of the running in the first half as the Jerusalemites were in complete disarray. But the hosts had only one goal to show for their efforts, when Sagiv Eliahu finally managed to hit the target on the stroke of half-time with a glancing header off a cross from Kasimir Muskal.

Jerusalem began the second half in totally different fashion than the first, and with a positive attitude coming mainly after coach Yossi Mizrahi made two substitutions, they managed to put some good moves together. That improved form did not take long to pay dividends and Dudu Daham equalized for the visitors on 57 minutes.

Tel Aviv continued to try to press forward, but was unable to score a winner, with Jerusalem goalkeeper Yaroslav Baku, who was turning out against his former club for the first time, managing some excellent saves in the dying moments.

Hap. Kfar Sava 3

Ironi Rishon 0

Kfar Sava scored its first win and with it its first goals of the season in a match on Friday which was not for the purists.

The home side took the pitch without three of its most influential players - Marton Gabor the excellent Hungarian striker was suspended, Idan Shum was left out of the side for disciplinary reasons and Motti Yeverbaum is out of form.

But Rishon was just the right bait for Kfar Sava which was desperate for a change of fortunes.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff.	Pts
Betar Jerusalem	4	4	0	10	3	7	12
Hapoel Petah Tikva	4	4	0	7	3	4	12
Maccabi Tel Aviv	4	3	1	10	5	5	9
Maccabi Haifa	4	2	2	8	4	4	8
Hapoel Beersebeba	4	2	2	5	5	0	7
Maccabi Petah Tikva	4	2	2	5	5	0	6
Hapoel Taiba	4	2	2	5	6	-1	6
Hapoel Tel Aviv	4	1	2	4	9	-5	4
Hapoel Haifa	4	1	1	6	6	0	4
Zefririm Holon	4	1	1	3	5	-2	4
Hapoel Kfar Sava	4	1	1	2	3	-1	4
Hapoel Jerusalem	4	1	1	2	3	-1	4
Ironi Rishon	4	1	1	2	7	-5	4
Bnei Yehuda	4	1	1	3	2	1	4
Hapoel Beit She'an	4	1	1	3	2	1	4
Maccabi Herzliya	4	1	1	3	4	-1	4

Zefririm Holon	(1)	Maccabi Tel Aviv	(2)
Oren Zeituni, 45		Alon Brumer, 15	
		Eli Driks, 35	
Betar Jerusalem	(0)	Maccabi Herzliya	(0)
Eli Ohana, 81			
Bnei Yehuda	(0)	Hapoel Beersebeba	(2)
		Gadi Hazut, 19	
		Liron Bassis, 42	
Hapoel Taiba	(1)	Hapoel Haifa	(1)
Rami Deher, 16		Ofer Talker, 2	
Nassim Akbaria, 72		Amir Turjeman, 75	
Menny Basson, 90		Maccabi Petah Tikva	(0)
Hapoel Petah Tikva	(1)		
Yaniv Ofri, 37		Hapoel Beit She'an	(1)
Maccabi Haifa	(1)	Tibor Saloi, 25	
Sergei Kandourov, 26 (pen.)	(3)	Ironi Rishon Lezion	(0)
Hapoel Kfar Sava	(1)		
Sammy Ayashi, 19		Hapoel Jerusalem	(0)
Ofer Cohen, 21		Dudu Daham, 57	
Yaniv Abraeli, 24			
Hapoel Tel Aviv	(1)		
Sagiv Eliahu, 45			

SECOND DIVISION

Maccabi Yavne	2	Maccabi Acre	0
Hapoel Hadera	0	Ness Ziona	0
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	0	Hapoel Ramat Gan	0
Betar Tel Aviv	4	Hapoel Ashdod	0
Ironi Ashdod	1	Maccabi Jaffa	1
Hakoah Ramat Gan	1	Maccabi Kfar Kana	2
Hapoel Bat Yam	2	Maccabi Netanya	2
Hapoel Ashkelon	0	Hapoel Kiryat Shmona	0

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HANDS OFF - Joe Parkinson of Everton heads the ball away from Sheffield Wednesday's Regi Blinker.

Arsenal joins Liverpool at top

LONDON (AP) - Arsenal scored a 2-0 victory over nine-man Sunderland yesterday to join Liverpool atop the English Premier League.

Sunderland had midfielder Martin Scott and forward Paul Stewart expelled in the first half and went on solid defense until John Hirston and Ray Parlour scored in the final 20 minutes for the Gammers.

The result means that Arsenal, which is waiting for new French manager Arsene Wenger to join the club, now has 17 points from eight games.

Liverpool, which has 17 from seven, was one of four out of the top six to be idle yesterday. It visits West Ham today while defending title Manchester United hosts Tottenham and Newcastle, which was second and two points behind, faces Aston Villa tomorrow.

Wimbledon, struggling near the foot of the standings at the start of the season, won for the fifth time in a row to move up to third with 15. The Dons scored a 2-0 victory at promoted Derby with goals by Robbie Earle and Marcus Gayle.

Next to last Southampton, now managed by Graeme Souness, gained its first victory of the season in style, downing Middlesbrough 4-0 with two goals from England

international Matt Le Tissier and others from Matthew Oakley and Gordon Watson.

Leeds, looking for its first victory under new manager George Graham, slipped to third from last after losing 1-0 at promoted Leicester, where Emile Heskey scored the only goal.

A last-minute goal by Jason Lee earned Nottingham Forest a 1-1 tie at Chelsea after Italian striker Gianluca Vialli had fired the home team ahead.

Everton gained a 2-0 victory over a sliding Sheffield Wednesday team which led the standings after winning its first four games but now is seventh.

After Everton's David Unsworth had missed an early penalty, Andrei Kanchelskis and Graham Stuart downed Wednesday at Goodison.

Last place Blackburn and Coventry fought out a predictable 0-0 tie typical of two strugglers at Highfield Road.

Bolton, which was relegated from the Premier League last season, moved two points clear of its rivals in division one after a 1-1 tie at home to Stoke, which scored a last minute equalizer.

But Manchester City's slide continues as owner Francis Lee struggles to find a new manager.

GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Liverpool	8	5	2	16	5	17
Arsenal	8	5	2	17	8	17
Wimbledon	8	5	0	12	7	15
Newcastle	7	0	10	15	15	15
Man. United	7	3	4	15	13	13
Chelsea	8	3	4	11	11	13
Sheff. Wed.	8	4	1	9	11	13
Aston Villa	7	3	3	8	12	12
Middlesb.	8	3	2	14	13	11
Leicester	8	2	3	6	9	11
Derby	8	2	4	8	10	10
Sunderland	8	2	3	14	15	9
Everton	8	2	3	8	10	9
Tottenham	7	2	2	6	6	8
West Ham	7	2	2	8	10	8
Wat. Forest	8	2	4	13	17	8
Leeds	8	2	1	16	13	7
Southampton	8	1	2	10	12	5
Coventry	8	1	2	5	13	5
Blackburn	8	0	3	5	11	3

GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bolton	8	6	0	12	20	18
Barnsley	8	5	0	15	5	18
Norwich	9	5	3	10	5	18
Wolves	5	2	2	14	9	17
Crystal Pal.	9	4	4	1	16	16
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North Melbourne wins AFL finale

MELBOURNE (AP) - An Australian Rules football grand final championship that had its leadup in a courtroom ended with justice being dealt out by North Melbourne before

93,000 fans at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday. Billed as the Tale of Two Cities, the Australian Football League season's finale

began with fire and ended in a flood of goals as the Kangaroos ran out 43-point winners over the Sydney Swans, 19.17 (131) to 13.10 (88).

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NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rose modestly Friday, drifting through another aimless session with few developments to move the market or extend this month's rally.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 4.07 points to close at 5,872.92, pulling higher in the final minutes after meandering in negative territory for most of the session.

Broader measures also finished higher, but trading continued with the sluggish tone that has prevailed since Tuesday's decision by the Federal Reserve's not to raise its interest rates.

Bonds gave back early gains as investors took some profits on this week's rally.

As bond prices slipped, the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond - a key determinant of corporate and consumer borrowing costs - edged higher to 6.90 percent from late Thursday's 6.87%.

The Fed's decision had validated growing optimism that economic growth was slowing enough to avoid rapid inflation without the central bank's intervention.

The news cheered bond traders worried that higher inflation or interest rates would make fixed-income investments less valuable.

But the stock market had already rallied to record levels in anticipation of Tuesday's Fed meeting, and stock investors have grown hesitant about bidding a pricey market higher without new incentives, analysts say.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 5-to-4 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,291 up, 1,029 down and 903 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 406.79 million shares vs. 499.85 million in the previous session.

LONDON (Reuter) - British stocks closed mostly higher on Friday, propelled by strong drug and oil stocks but dragged off the day's highs by a weak Wall Street opening.

The FTSE Index ended 13.2 points up at 3,946.4 but down 17.7 on the week.

FRANKFURT - Shares closed bourse trade slightly lower on a mild bout of profit-taking following recent moves up toward record-highs, but dealers said the underlying market was buoyed by the dollar's strength.

The DAX Index of Germany's 30 leading shares closed 7.51 points lower at 2,659.04, a gain of 12.94 on the week. In post-bourse trade the index fell 5.10 to 2,659.86.

PARIS - French shares finished firmer but off their best levels as the blue-chip CAC-40 Index butted against resistance levels and then fell back.

The blue chip CAC-40 Index finished up 2.91 points at 2,107.05, a gain of 24.55 on the week.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended a shade lower after a slow directionless session, but dealers expected favorable fundamentals, such as an easier Swiss franc, to lend support to the market in the near-term.

The all-share Swiss Performance Index fell 1.58 points to 2,373.07, which was up 4.65 from last Friday.

TOKYO - Stocks eked out only small gains by the end of Friday's session after a three-day winning streak.

The key 225-share Nikkei average rose 85.65 points to close at 21,547.02, up 434.78 from a week ago.

HONG KONG - Stocks rallied to a new 1996 peak and closed at their highest level since February 1994, boosted by futures-led buying ahead of the expiry of September Hang Seng futures this session.

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Dollar at 11-week high vs. yen

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar reached an 11-week high against the yen Friday as Japan's prime minister dissolved Parliament and as money flowed into higher yielding offshore investments to boost balance sheets at the end of a key accounting period.

The dollar also eked out gains against the German mark while rising against most other major currencies.

Many European traders abandoned the mark as they become more confident that Europe will enter into European monetary union on time. Upon entering into monetary union, the Europeans will eliminate their respective currencies, including the mark.

Japanese investors continued their offshore investing Friday in advance of the fiscal year to try to post new gains on their books.

They sold yen and placed their cash in US, Canadian and Australian dollars and European high-yielders.

In late New York trading, the dollar cost 1.5235 marks, up from 1.5233 Thursday. The dollar also cost 110.83 yen, up from 110.66.

During trading, the dollar hit 110.95 yen, the highest level since the dollar reached 111.16 during trading on July 18.

The British pound advanced against the dollar, rising to \$1.5630 from \$1.5610.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

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10 soldiers buried

TEN of the 11 soldiers killed in the gun battles in the territories on Thursday were buried on Friday. The funeral of St-Sgt. Dmitri Grozidanski, 23, of Kibbutz Barkai, has not yet been scheduled.

St-Sgt. Uri Ben-Tov, of Bat Yam, who was killed at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus, was buried in the military section of the Holon cemetery. He was to have been discharged from the service in a month and had planned to return to his yeshiva studies in Bat Yam.

"Uri and his martyred friends did not just leave us," said Rabbi Ronen Shoshani, who teaches at the Bat Yam yeshiva. "They were taken by God, because they completed their task (in this world). They fulfilled their assignments with honor."

St-Sgt. Erez Sharabi, of Tel Aviv, who fell at Joseph's Tomb, was also buried in Holon. His commander told of how Sharabi had volunteered to join the force that went to rescue soldiers trapped in the tomb.

Captain Nir Barzasky, of Zichron Ya'acov, who also fell in Nablus, was buried in the military section of the city cemetery. Barzasky helped evacuated wounded comrades during the battle at Joseph's Tomb.

"You don't know, Nir, but ... you fulfilled your mission. The wounded were rescued and they are liv-

ing," Brig-Gen. Eitan Lidor said.

St-Sgt. Chen Koren of Ma'aleh Efraim was buried in Kibbutz Givat Brenner. Ma'aleh Efraim local council head David Kopelowitz said, "We don't understand how this tragedy happened to us. You have left a gaping hole that we can only fill with memories of the past."

Capt. Benny Biton of Rishon LeZion, who fell in Nablus, was buried in the military section of the municipal cemetery. Rishon LeZion Mayor Meir Nitzan addressed Biton's parents in his eulogy, saying: "You raised a son to be proud of, one who loved his homeland and his people, and served them faithfully."

Some 2,000 people attended St-Sgt. Amikam Amior's funeral. Amior, from Efrat, who was killed in Gaza, was buried in Kfar Etzion.

"We lost a Jew that wanted to make everyone near him happy, but refused to accept the idea that a Jew who is attacked must show restraint and not defend himself," said Amior's father, Hanoch. Amior's friend, Yoni Riskin, added, "we always knew there was a price to guarding our land. We will honor your name, because we are a strong people and will not break."

Lt. Michael Dadosh, of Moshav Alma, who fell in Nablus, was

buried on the moshav at the family's request, rather than in the Safed Military Cemetery. The thousands of Galilee residents who attended the funeral were nearly all in tears, as was the military chaplain who recited the "El Malei Rachamin" prayer.

St-Sgt. Itamar Sudai, of Kfar Adumim, was buried in the Mount Herzl Military Cemetery. He was eulogized by OC Central Command Maj-Gen. Uzi Dayan, who said, "Because of [Itamar], people are alive and soldiers are continuing to guard Joseph's Tomb." Sudai was to have been discharged in two weeks.

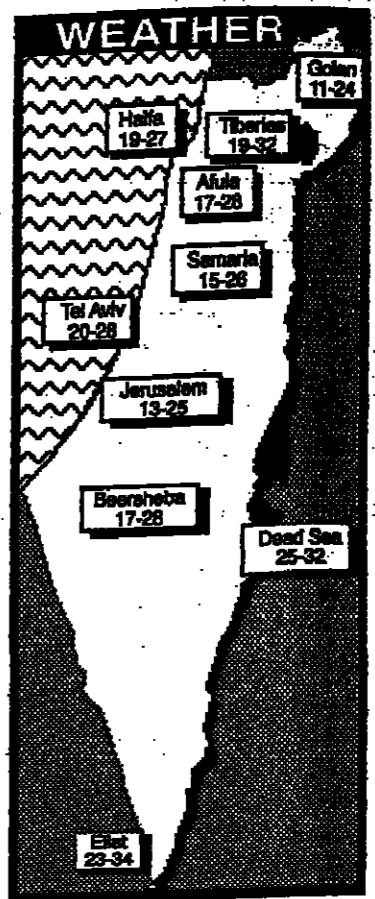
Sgt. Yehuda Levy who was killed in Gaza, was buried in the Kiryat Ata cemetery. His commander, Capt. Buni Mazar, said in his eulogy, "Yesterday you were moved up a rank; not to the rank of sergeant, but to the rank of angel."

Maj. Avraham Maimon, of Givatayim, who was killed near Ramallah, was buried in the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. His younger brother, Golan, said in his eulogy that he imitated almost everything his brother did out of admiration.

"I promise you that I will accomplish all that you wanted to accomplish," Golan Maimon said. (Tim)



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu visits Amnon Banir, wounded in last week's rioting, at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem on Friday. (Avi Hayoun)



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. Slightly cooler.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WEATHER
Amsterdam	8	17	cloudy
Buenos Aires	13	28	clear
Calcutta	26	32	cloudy
Chicago	10	18	clear
London	10	15	cloudy
Paris	10	15	clear

Funerals set for border policemen

DEP-CMDR. Shimon Dayan, 47, of Kfar Sava, will be buried tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Kfar Sava cemetery. Dayan, who has served in the Border Police since joining the army almost 30 years ago, was killed Friday in the clash at the Tulkarm Border Police base.

He had been elsewhere and upon hearing there was trouble in Tulkarm rushed there to assist. He was fatally shot in the neck while attempting to treat the wounded. He is survived by his wife, Rachel; son, Lior; and daughter, Meirav.

The funeral of Supt. Guy Sharig, 23, of Moshav Hibat Zion, is scheduled for 11 a.m. today at the moshav cemetery. He was to be released from the Border Police in a month and had planned to study economics. He is survived by his parents, a brother and a sister. (Tim)

IDF officer killed in Rafiah may have been singled out for revenge

DEPUTY Gaza Division commander Col. Nabih Mari, 42, who died in Friday's clash with Palestinians near Rafiah, may have been singled out by Palestinian sharpshooters to avenge the death of Palestinian Police officers killed in January, 1995.

Mari is the most senior Druse officer to fall in the line of duty. One of the officers who served under Mari said Friday that Mari, one of the first Druse to join the Paratroop Corps in the early 1970's, was singled out because the Palestinians believed he was responsible for the deaths of the officers in the incident last year.

Mari, from the village of Hurfeish in the Galilee, was fatally wounded during an exchange of fire in the Rafiah region. He was believed next in line to be commander of the division, and perhaps even OC Southern Command.

He was visiting an IDF post on the border with Egypt when the post came under heavy fire Friday. He was the first to return fire, but defense sources said he was cut down by Palestinian fire and what they said were shots from the Egyptian side of the border.

"The Palestinians hated him, but were afraid of him and respected him. He was a wily veteran of many clashes, who ruled the Gaza District like his home," Lt. G., who served under Mari, said. "During the intifada, he killed many terrorists, and saved the lives of Palestinians who were wounded. He was the symbol of the IDF in the struggle with the Palestinians. He was a true fighter," he said.

"They hated him and I'm sure an order was given to liquidate him. If there's a commission of inquiry, they'll find that an order was given to kill Col. Nabih Mari. The Palestinians themselves always asked whether it was Mari who killed the Palestinian Police officers, and this is sweet revenge for them."

A senior Palestinian Police officer said Friday he was sorry about the Mari's death, but that the situation was one of war, in which officers could also be killed.

Gush Katif settlers were shocked by Mari's death, and dozens of settlers are expected to attend his funeral, which will take place in his village today at noon. (Tim)

Wounded still recovering

TWENTY-THREE people wounded in clashes in Jerusalem and the territories last week were still in Jerusalem hospitals last night.

At Hadassah-University Hospital at Mount Scopus, 10 people were listed in good to moderate condition. Among them were several policemen who had been wounded at the Temple Mount on Friday. At Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem, five people were in serious but stable condition, one was in moderate condition and seven were in good to moderate condition. Those in good to moderate condition are expected to be released today or tomorrow.

Two people wounded in shootouts at Tulkarm were in Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava. Border policeman Harib Mahmoud, 41,

underwent an operation and was in stable condition. Kfar Sava policeman Yitzhak Krisiani, 28, who had been shot in the leg, was in good condition. Two other border policemen who had been brought to the hospital were treated and sent home.

Sixteen soldiers wounded in Thursday's rioting in the Gaza Strip were in Beersheba's Soroka Hospital on Friday morning. Seven other soldiers had already been treated and sent home. Lt. Avi Levy, 22, of Ofakim, and Visam Amar, 20, of Peki'in, were in critical condition; two others were in serious condition; and one soldier was in moderate to good condition. The others were in good condition and expected to be released today.

Levy, who had been shot in the head, was in the intensive care

unit after undergoing an operation on Friday morning.

On Friday, five soldiers and Channel 2 reporter Yossi Ein-Dor were being treated at Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon. Three of them were in moderate condition and three in good condition. Five other people who had been wounded the previous day at Erez and Netzarim had already been treated and released.

A civilian and 11 soldiers had been wounded on Thursday were still at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer on Friday.

Six of the soldiers had improved from serious to moderate condition, another soldier was in moderate condition.

The others were in good condition and some of them were expected to be released over the weekend. (Tim)

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